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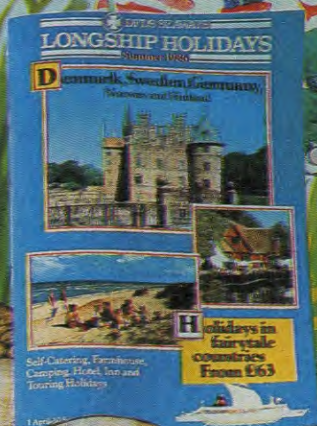
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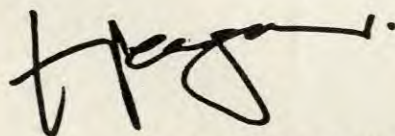
From the Editor

As in years past, it is my delight to welcome you to this bumper, two-week Christmas and New Year issue of *TVTimes*: your complete guide to ITV and Channel Four from 21 December to 3 January. Starting here, we bring you full details of all the season's programmes — including more than 50 big-screen movies that are yours to enjoy on the small screen over the next 14 days.

What are the TV blockbusters, this holiday fortnight? Attempts to make personal selections are fraught with difficulty, but no one surely will want to miss Christmas Day's *Minder on the Orient Express*, or *The Best of Morecambe and Wise* (Christmas Eve), or *The Death of the Heart* (22 Dec), *92 Grosvenor Street* (29 Dec), *Mistral's Daughter* (1-2-3 Jan), *Coming Through* (27 Dec), the Tim Rice special (29 Dec) and *A Royal Celebration of Youth* (1 Jan), or Channel Four's music contrasts, *Weber's Missa Sancta* (Christmas Day), *Blue Suede Shoes* (1 Jan), *Mr Parnes Shillings and Pence* (1 Jan) and *Don Giovanni* (28 Dec).

All of which is to reckon without the films — *Arthur*, *Reds*, *Who Dares Wins*, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* (Special Edition), *Superman*, *Moonraker*, *Northstar*, *The Lady Vanishes*, *Great Expectations*, *Gregory's Girl*, *The Snowman* — and, of course, the galaxy of talent that's due on screen in a host of specials: Freddie Starr, Cannon and Ball, Mike Yarwood, the Grumbleweeds, *Copy Cats*, snookerman Dennis Taylor, *Spitting Image* and Des O'Connor, among others, await the pleasure of your company.

It's going to be a great fortnight on The Box. And I speak for everyone who has worked with me to put this copy of *TVTimes* in your hands when I express the hope that you will enjoy it hugely — and have the happiest of Christmases and the merriest of New Years!



ANTHONY PEAGAM

Your guide to a super Christmas



A double barrel of comedy

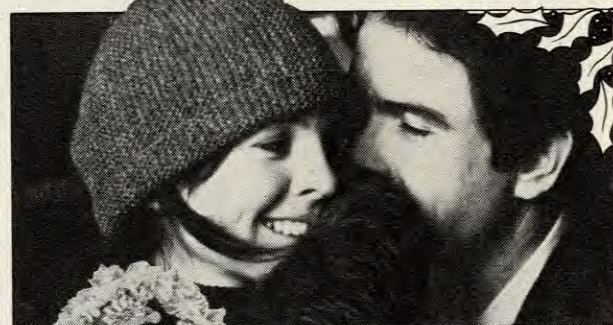
21 DEC

Christmas Cannon & Ball blasts off the holiday season on ITV. Bobby and Tommy, left, are aided in this festive special by Paul Nicholas, who joins them to sing and dance in a rock and roll medley. See page 6.

Big film fortnight

21 DEC

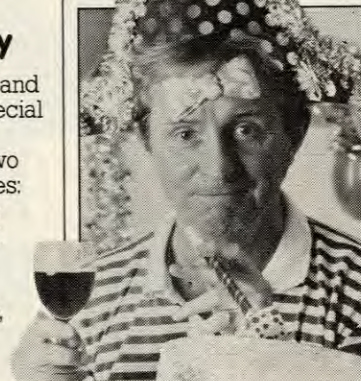
A top line-up of big films on ITV and Channel Four starts with Warren Beatty and Diane Keaton, right, in *Reds* (ITV), a love story set against political turmoil in the United States and the Russian Revolution. Film guide starts on page 38.



Laughs all the way

21 DEC

Yuletide fun and games in special Christmas editions of two ITV favourites: 3-2-1, where the guests include Lynsey de Paul and John Inman, and those *Copy Cats*, including Bobby Davro, Allan Stewart and Johnny More, right.



At your service

22 DEC

Can West Germany, led by Boris Becker, beat Sweden in the Davis Cup final? Or will Mats Wilander's young Swedish side lift the trophy, as widely expected? See all the tennis action from the third and final day of the event on Channel Four.

Broadway melody

22 DEC

There's another chance to see the award-winning show *Baryshnikov on Broadway*, starring Liza Minnelli and Russian ballet dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov, right, in a salute to Broadway musicals, on Channel Four.



Praised play

22 DEC

The highly-acclaimed National Theatre production of *The Mysteries: The Nativity*, comes to Channel Four in a two-hour special.

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Romantic encounter

**22
DEC**

London in the late Thirties is the setting for *The Death of the Heart*, on ITV, starring Nigel Havers and Patricia Hodge, below. See page 6.



Stocking fillers

**24
DEC**

Rock fans won't want to miss Channel Four's *The Pointer Sisters in Paris*, above, as the three leggy girls blast out their hits, including *Slow Hand*, *Automatic* and *Jump*.



Cuddly Dudley

**24
DEC**

There's a film treat in store on ITV when Dudley Moore, above, stars as Arthur, with John Gielgud as his butler. See page 10 and films, starting on page 38.

White Christmas

**24
DEC**

Channel Four offers a haven for *The Snowman* and his young friend, below, in the award-winning animated version of Raymond Briggs' best-seller. See page 10 and films, starting on page 38.



Shirley's on song

**23
DEC**

On ITV, *The Mike Yarwood Christmas Special* 'guests' include

Mikhail Gorbachov and Band Aid's Bob Geldof... but Shirley Bassey, above, is there in person.



Ascent of a star

**23
DEC**

The wondrous Gracie Fields, played by Polly Hemingway, left, is remembered in *Pride of Our Alley*, on Channel Four. The programme follows her career from a Lancashire mill to stardom.



Out of this world

**24
DEC**

Close Encounters of the Third Kind (Special Edition), Steven Spielberg's classic film about aliens visiting Earth, left, will have lovers of science fiction switching on to ITV. See page 11 and films, starting on page 38.



Bringing sunshine

**24
DEC**

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without them. Tonight, on ITV, Em introduces some of the great comedy moments of the past in *The Best of Morecambe and Wise*, left. Guests include Glenda Jackson and Donald Sinden. See page 10.

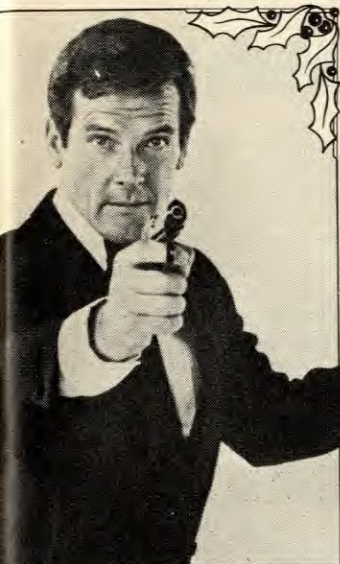


The bells are ringing in the Street

**23
DEC**

Wedding as well as Christmas bells ring for Alf (Bryan Mosley) and Audrey (Sue Nicholls), above, in *Coronation Street*, the first of five visits on ITV over the festive season. See page 26.





Over the moon

25 DEC

Bond is back! *Moonraker*, starring Roger Moore, above, as 007, is ITV's James Bond movie for Christmas. See page 15 and films, starting on page 38.

Top Marx

25 DEC

Roll up, roll up for a Marx-ist Christmas by tuning into *At the Circus* on Channel Four with the zany brothers, Harpo, Groucho, Chico, seen below. See films, starting on page 38.



Express laughs

25 DEC

A first-class tale about those second-class citizens Terry McCann (Dennis Waterman) and Arthur Daley (George Cole), left, unfolds as ITV invites you all to take your seats for *Minder on the Orient Express*. See pages 14 and 20.

Hail Caesar

25 DEC

Funnyman Mel Brooks, who once wrote for Sid Caesar, teams up again with the hilarious American comedian in Channel Four's *Mel Brooks Hails Sid Caesar*. See page 14.

On their toes

25 DEC

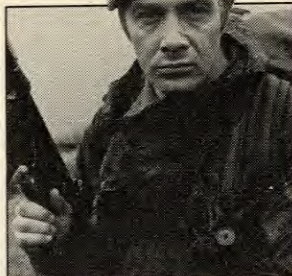
Channel Four explores the magical ballet relationship between the world's greatest dancers in *Fonteyn and Nureyev*. The *Perfect Partnership*, below, which includes vintage film. See page 19.



Hollywood double

25 DEC

Two major screen stars — the queen of the soaps herself, Joan Collins, below, and cuddly Dudley Moore — join Des O'Connor *Tonight* (inset) for an hour on ITV. See page 19.



Derring-do

26 DEC

Lewis Collins, above, portrays the dare-devil exploits of the SAS in the exciting action movie *Who Dares Wins*, on ITV. See page 27 and films, starting on page 38.



On the run

26 DEC

Athletic Anneka Rice (above) does the running in sunny Florida, while back in the studio, Kenneth Kendall and Wincey Willis mastermind *Treasure Hunt* on Channel Four. See page 27.

Anniversary Street

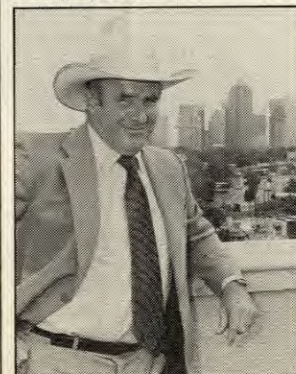
26 DEC

It's birthday time! *Coronation Street: The First Twenty Five Years* celebrates a quarter century on ITV by looking back at major events in the history of the Street. See page 26.

Clive in Dallas

27 DEC

Cultures clash tonight on ITV when an Australian looks at life in the United States for British television. Who could it be but Clive James in *Dallas* (seen left).



Ones to watch

Western laughs

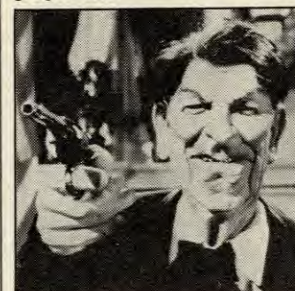
28 DEC

Clint Eastwood joins ITV's festive film line-up in *Bronco Billy*, a humorous account of life in a Wild West show. See films, starting on page 38.

The Beast is back

28 DEC

President Reagan, below, and others come in for a mauling on ITV in *The Second Beast of Spitting Image*. See page 120.



Summer is coming

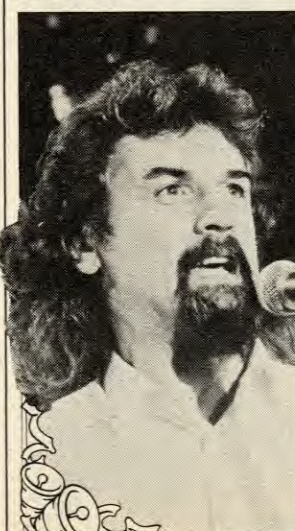
30 DEC

It may be the festive season, but thoughts are turning to summer holidays as *Wish You Were Here...?* returns to ITV.

Festive music

30 DEC

A dramatised version of Berlioz's *L'Enfance du Christ*, on ITV (right), is a must for music lovers. See page 113.



Six small wonders

29 DEC

Keep an ITV date with the owners of *Sixty Tiny Fingers* — Jennifer, Ruth, Lucy, Kate, Hannah and Sarah Walton, the world's only all-girl sextuplets. See page 120.

Rice bowls 'em over

29 DEC

Barbara Dickson (below) is in a glittering star line-up paying tribute to *Lyrics by Tim Rice*, on ITV. See page 114.



'Auld Lang Syne'

31 DEC

Where better to celebrate the New Year than north of the border? So join Jack McLaughlin as he hosts *The New Year Show* on ITV. The programme can be seen on Grampian tomorrow.

Hogmanay laughter

31 DEC

Comic Billy Connolly (left) says *At Last It's Hogmanay* in an alternative celebration on Channel Four. See page 123.

Mistral's trilogy

1 JAN Charlotte Allen and Stacy Keach (below) are in ITV's *Mistral's Daughter*, which continues tomorrow and ends on Friday. See pages 133 and 142.



Youth has its fling

1 JAN International Year of Youth comes to an end with *A Royal Celebration of Youth*, on ITV, featuring some of the world's most talented young artists performing before the Queen. See page 132.

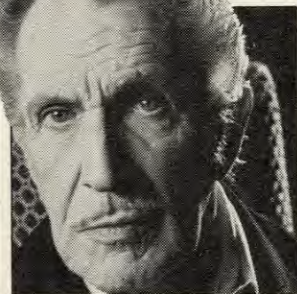
Tales of Dracula

1 JAN Vincent Price's *Dracula*, on ITV, looks at the real-life count and the fictional version, with a chilling narration by Price, right. See page 133.



Taylor's tricks

2 JAN Spend An Evening With Dennis Taylor, left, on ITV, as the 1985 World Snooker Champion talks about his success.



Skater's waltz

2 JAN A Channel Four camera crew spent a day with skater Robin Cousins, above, at a recent competition in Paris. The results can be seen in *Robin Cousins Has Paris On Ice*.

A good Bette

3 JAN Zany comedienne Bette Midler, right, is seen at her best in concert in Channel Four's *Divine Madness*. See films, starting on page 38.



A double ITV greeting from Cilla Black in 'Blind Date', Saturday 21 December, and Christmas 'Surprise, Surprise!', Sunday 22 December



Right: former world darts champion Jocky Wilson joins Jim Bowen for Christmas 'Bullseye', Sunday 22 December, ITV. Jocky's advice to would-be champs: 'Lean forward, line up your aim, don't snatch your darts.'



Rory McGrath, Jimmy Mulville and Philip Pope, of Channel Four's satirical comedy revue 'Who Dares Wins...', offer their own late-night brand of zany Christmas fun on Saturday 21 December.

Funnymen who

For an act which once failed to make the clappometer move on the ITV talent show *Opportunity Knocks!*, Cannon and Ball have come a long, long way. Earlier this year, they became the first British variety performers to gross £1 million in takings from a summer season, after their hugely successful run at Blackpool's Opera House theatre. Last year, it was estimated that more than 500,000 people watched the Lancashire double-act up and down the country.

When you consider the duo's humble beginnings, their rise to fame has been meteoric, by anyone's standards. Tommy Cannon (real name Thomas Derbyshire) and Bobby Ball (Robert Harper) once formed a singing act called The Harper Brothers, who

There's a complete change of image, with clothes to match, for actress Patricia Hodge, who stars twice over the Christmas period.

It's a far cry from the modern amateur sleuth in ITV's *Jemima Shore Investigates*, as she takes a step back in time to the England of 1937 in a full-length romantic drama, *The Death of the Heart* (Sunday 22 December, ITV). It's a period that has particular dramatic appeal to Patricia Hodge — 'it was the last moment of English innocence before everything changed with the war.'

Her second ITV appearance in the space of a week sees her in *92 Grosvenor Street* (Sunday 29 December, ITV), set during World War Two itself. She plays a glamorous, top-drawer secretary, working at the Admiralty in an adventure

fire on both cylinders

trudged around the Northern clubs by night, scraping together a living to supplement their wages as factory welders. It was a hard grind.

But times change. You can see for yourself just how entertaining this immensely successful double act has become in **Christmas Cannon & Ball (Saturday 21 December, ITV).**

Cannon and Ball's own Christmas promises to be as action-packed as the rest of their year. Apart from the TV show, they are in Bristol, starring at the Hippodrome in *Babes in the Wood*, which runs until February.

They went straight into rehearsals for the pantomime after returning from an intensive tour of the Middle East. Have they had any breaks from work? Well, Tommy has fitted in the occasional round of golf, while Bobby has made a few appearances at his own club in Rochdale, called Braces. 'But,' gasps Ball, 'I've never known a year like it. Talk about hectic.'

He adds: 'To be honest, the fuss that is sometimes made when we're playing the theatres scares me. It's like The Beatles. It's very nice, but it takes some getting used to.'

Tommy Cannon adds: 'I can never wait to be working. That feeling when you've got an audience dangling from the end of your fingertips — there's nothing like it. We usually have a holiday early on in the New Year, but at the end of three weeks we're both itching to get back to work.'

Look out in 1986 for a new Cannon and Ball series on ITV when the plan is to introduce longer sketches into their shows. **Cordell Marks**

Rock on, Santa! The festive spirit flows for Bobby Ball and Tommy Cannon on ITV.



Christmas Countdown

A double date with Patricia

story involving behind-the-enemy lines operations in Norway.

In *The Death of the Heart*, an adaptation of the pre-war Elizabeth Bowen novel about a 16-year-old

orphan coping with upper-class relatives, Patricia's co-stars include Wendy Hiller, Phyllis Calvert, Robert Hardy and Nigel Havers — and an unknown actress from

Kent called Jojo Cole.

Jojo, an unemployed 18-year-old, was one of 1000 youngsters who answered Granada Television's advertisement for 'a well-spoken young girl' to play the part of the orphaned Portia Quayne.

As well as a good voice, she needed an innocent face. Says producer June Wyndham-Davies: 'When Jojo walked in for an audition we knew she was right.'

Jojo, from Beckenham, had wanted to be an actress since she was seven. A teacher at the comprehensive school where she gained four O-levels told her when she left: 'You'll never get anywhere in life.'

With money earned as a waitress at a restaurant in London's Covent Garden, she paid her own air fare to New York when she was 17. Arriving at Kennedy Airport with nowhere to stay, she lost her luggage but, undeterred, immediately

Jojo Cole, left, Patricia Hodge and Wendy Hiller — part of a star cast in the ITV romantic story 'The Death of the Heart'.

enrolled in a Manhattan drama class.

For six months she shared a room with three other girls in a Salvation Army hostel. Then came what looked like the big break.

Jeremy Irons was starring on Broadway in the Tom Stoppard play *The Real Thing*, and they needed a girl to play his daughter.

'I met him backstage,' says Jojo.

'He thought I was right for the part, but I was unable to get a work permit.'

Her hopes dashed, a week later she came back to England and, after several months on the dole, answered the advertisement that landed her a leading part on television. A delighted Jojo celebrated her 18th birthday by starting rehearsals for *The Death of the Heart*.

Patricia Hodge, who plays the wife of the step-brother with whom Jojo comes to live, is equally happy to be in the production. 'From the first day, I knew that it was going to be something special.'

The real spirit of Christmas



FOR AN imaginative look at the moral and spiritual side of Christmas, watch a special edition of **7 Days (Saturday 21 December, Channel Four)**. Then you can tune into **Morning Worship (Sunday 22 December, ITV except Ulster)**, which features a carol service from St Germain's Church, Birmingham. (Viewers in Scotland have their own carol service, **Joy to the World**. Later the same day, Benjamin Luxon, with Cantabile and Sheila Amit, presents **The Story of the Carol (ITV)**, and Harry Secombe takes an extended **Highway (ITV)**.

Channel Four's religious coverage on **Sunday 22 December** includes **The Mysteries: The Nativity**, filmed earlier this year at London's National Theatre, and **Altarpieces**, the first of a trilogy of programmes examining artistic treasures to be found in churches. The second in the series can be seen on **Monday 23 December**, with part three being shown on **Tuesday 24 December**.



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Channel Four offers another chance, this evening, to see the award-winning cartoon 'The Snowman', from the book by Raymond Briggs — a touching tale of a young boy's magic friendship that makes children of us all. As David Bowie says in his introduction: 'One winter, I made a snowman... you see, it was real.'



The riverbank reverberates once more in 'The Wind in the Willows' (on ITV this afternoon) as the troublesome Toad tries the patience of his long-suffering chums, Badger, Ratty and Mole. This is a first, festive taste of a new series of stories, written by Brian Trueman and based on the classic book.

Michael Knight isn't clowning when he and KITT, the car that answers back, perform under the big top in 'Circus Knights', this afternoon's episode of 'Knight Rider' on ITV. Billed as 'Turbo Man and his flying, talking carpet', our hero investigates the suspicious death of a flying-trapeze artist and lifts the lid on a schemer attempting to bankrupt the circus.



It's Dudley's little

Dudley Moore reckons he rewrote the Hollywood rule book when he landed the 1980 film role of Arthur (this evening, ITV) — the world's richest and most lovable drunk. 'Until then there was a minimum height requirement for leading men. It was like joining the police or the fire department. I was once up for a part in a detective thriller but they were afraid I'd shoot the villain in the ankle.'

In Arthur, the clever trick was hanging on to his martinis. Which

prompts him to remember seeing the screenplay for the first time: 'There are very few genuinely funny scripts around these days. The usual ratio is the same as gin and vermouth, one laugh to every 10 pages. But Arthur was just the opposite.'

Indeed, as a follow-up to his antics with Bo Derek in 10, the year before, the little British lad found himself in the Hollywood bigtime, and Sir John Gielgud, as his foil of a butler, made the casting of Arthur perfect.

But it hadn't started out that way. Producer Charles Jaffe had faced much opposition to his plan to create a Forties'



Eric and Ern — the laughter lives on

'The Best of Morecambe and Wise', with Hannah Gordon, below, and Suzanne Danielle, right, in some of the duo's funniest sketches, on ITV.



but large show...

'screwball' comedy for the Eighties. The money-men wanted big-name back-up — names like Jack Nicholson, Al Pacino and Richard Dreyfuss were mentioned. 'We certainly didn't think of a 40-ish English person in the role,' recalls Jaffe.

Arthur confirmed Moore's standing in Hollywood by proving 10 was no flash in the pan, and the success has brought rich rewards.

There is, for example, his new restaurant in trendy Venice, California, where Moore himself is at the piano, twinkling and tinkling, enjoying what he obviously regards as the best things in life: good food, great music, a romantic setting and beautiful women.

Debonair in dinner-jacket and buttonhole, he does his Humphrey Bogart bit, welcoming guests at the door. Back at the piano, he launches blithely into Bach and the blues. Our Dud — Hollywood's sophisticated sex thimble.

But wait a bit longer and you get what everyone in the restaurant has come for: Moore the merriest, the impish elf with a saucy sense of fun. No wonder the creators of the film

Santa Claus had Moore in mind when they started writing about Santa's chief elf, a perky chap with a cap and puckish grin.

Moore was not sure whether to be offended: 'How on earth could anyone think of me as an elf?'

You can judge for yourself when Sue Robbie talks to Moore about his latest role in **Santa Claus — The Movie, Behind the Scenes (Boxing Day, ITV)**. You will, however, also get the chance to see Moore walk tall this Christmas. He is one of Des O'Connors' guests on his Christmas Day show.

Lesley Salisbury



Charters and Caldicott, the gentlemanly cricket buffs in 'The Lady Vanishes' (on Channel Four tonight), have been portrayed a number of times over the years. In the 1979 version, Ian Carmichael and Arthur Lowe played the two duffers, while Robin Bailey and Michael Aldridge portrayed the characters in a recent BBC series. Pictured left, though, are tonight's 1938 originals, with Naunton Wayne as Caldicott and Basil Radford as Charters.



For those unfamiliar with things of a heavenly kind, a close encounter of the first kind is the sighting of a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object). An encounter of the second kind is actual physical evidence of a UFO, while 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' (on ITV this afternoon) is actual contact with the occupants of the spaceship. Incidentally, this special edition of 1977's spellbinding film — has an extended sequence as contact is made with another world.

Dudley Moore and Liza Minnelli in 'Arthur'.

Turkey and stuffing, crackers and hats, Morecambe and Wise. Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without them. And though the one with the glasses died last year, the laughter lives on in **The Best of Morecambe and Wise (this evening, ITV)**.

One person who will be



Side by side... Eric with actress Glenda Jackson.

watching is Joan Morecambe, Eric's widow. 'In some ways,' she says, 'it is comforting to see his old shows. I don't think I would like it if he was never on television, if he was suddenly cut off. Of course, there are times when it is painful, but he can still make me laugh so much.'

Joan lives in the memory-filled family house in Hertfordshire. Christmas there was a special time.

'We never, never missed the Christmas show,' she says. 'Our meals were planned around it. All the children would be sent to watch it in another room in case they fidgeted, and only when everyone was settled would Eric sit down to watch. He was his own best audience.'

Joan now keeps herself busy writing — her book, *Morecambe and Wise*, was

published earlier this month — and fund-raising for some of Eric's favourite charities.

Ernie Wise, too, is rebuilding. He has recently done a solo, five-week tour of Australia, returning earlier this month to record a special introduction to tonight's show.

Featured are some of their funniest sketches, including little Ern's own version of *Hamlet* (wot Shakespeare wrote first), with a short, hairy-legged prince, a bespectacled ghost and Hannah Gordon desperately trying to play it straight as Ophelia. Then there is *The Butler of the Year*, plummily starring Donald Sinden, and a *Side By Side* singalong with Glenda Jackson aboard a vertical take-off stool.

And, of course, there is one of Ern's own

favourites, one where he can demonstrate his prodigious dancing talents — the musical extravaganza *All That Jazz*, with Suzanne Danielle.

'You know, I was amazed how good Eric and Ernie were at hoofing; like so many of the old school,' says Suzanne. 'But when we did that number I found it terribly difficult to stop myself cracking up.'

The problem was all the extra comedy bits Eric put in. He used to take the mickey out of Ernie's dancing behind his back, and us having to put on a straight face whenever Ernie spun round.

'Eric, especially, was a great friend, and I say his name every day to remember him. There was one odd thing, though,' says Suzanne. 'He used to call me The Boy. I never did know why.'

Adrian Furness

Christmas worship



TREAT yourself to **Carols from Christ Church (this evening, ITV)**, where Oxford's Christ Church Cathedral Choir is supported by the Warwick University Chamber Choir.

The carol service is followed by a trip to the city of Belfast, where the Mater Hospital has been chosen for this year's **Midnight Mass (on ITV)**. Viewers in the Scottish and Grampian regions can tune instead into **Watchnight Service**, from Anderston Kelvingrove Church in Glasgow.

Taize: That Little Springtime (Channel Four, this afternoon) tells of an ecumenical community and is followed by **Peace On Earth**, with Lord Olivier.

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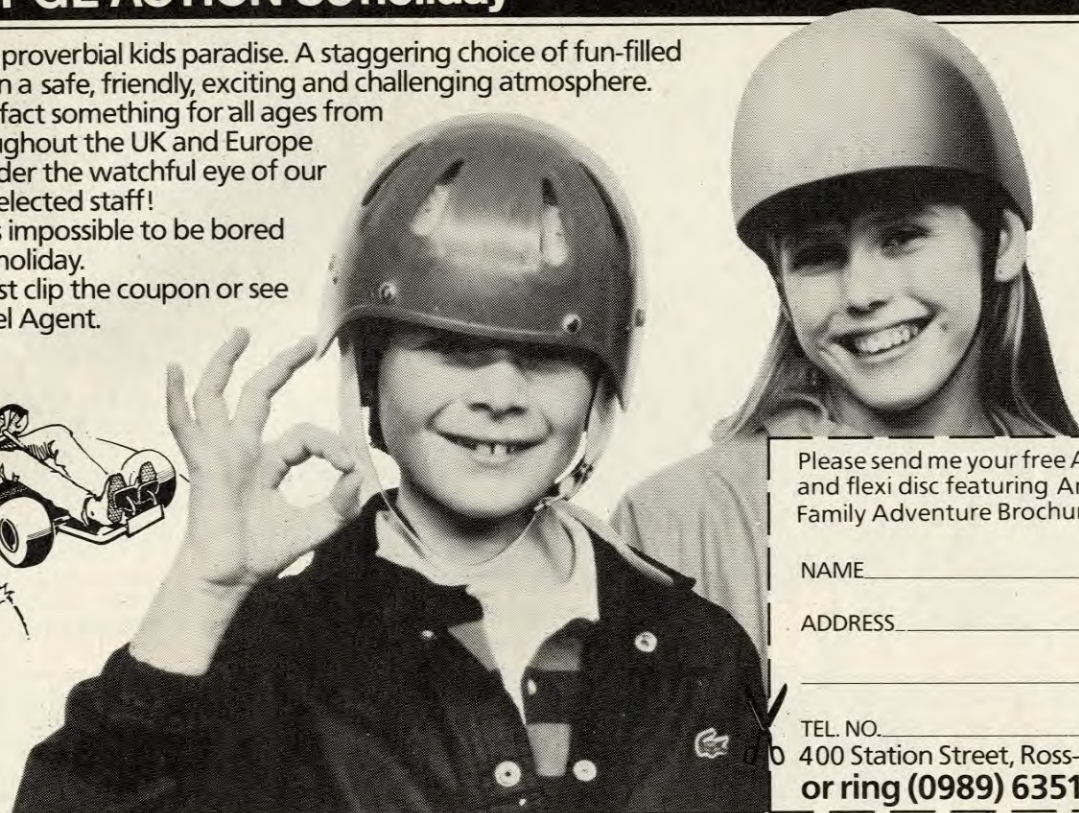
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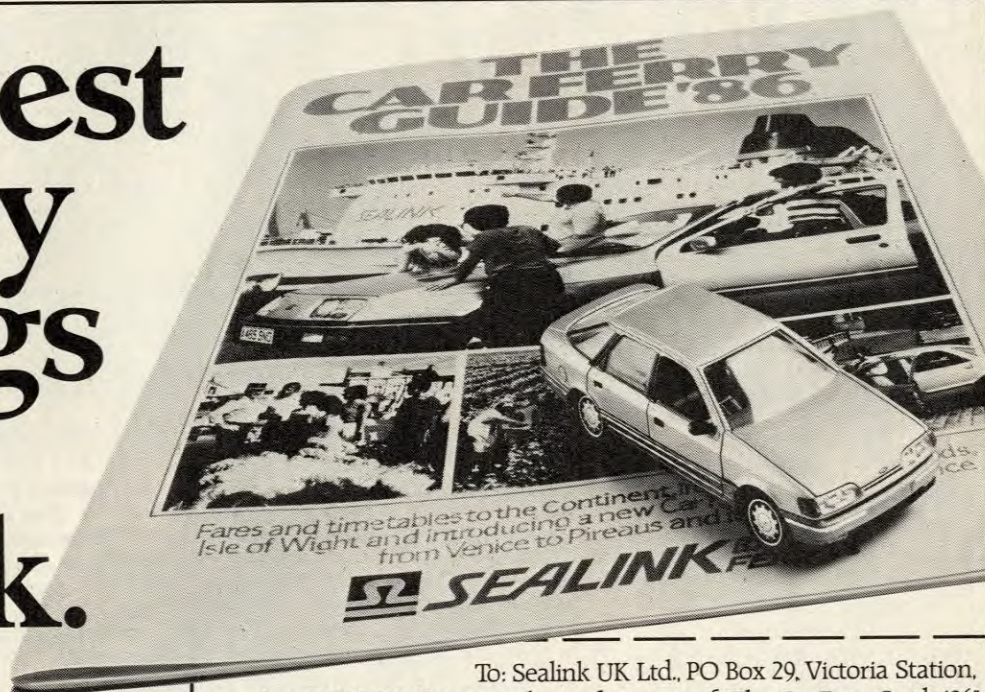
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So what are *Minder* heroes Arthur Daley and Terry McCann (actors George Cole and Dennis Waterman) doing mixing with the nobs in the first class dining car?

Well, it's a long story. In fact, *Minder on the Orient Express* (this evening, ITV) takes two

hours to tell — and the tale, full of laughs and minor villainy, makes ideal Christmas viewing.

The story starts when Terry rescues the lovely Nicki South (actress Amanda Pays) from a mugging. In gratitude, she gives Terry two tickets for a trip on Europe's most famous train. At first, Arthur is puzzled. He thinks the Orient Express is a Chinese takeaway. But when he finds out that the tickets are for a luxury holiday, he wants Terry to take him along.

'I've always regretted not travelling more extensively,' he says, 'but Er Indoors has held me back. She's like a dodgy

wine. She doesn't travel well.'

He keeps on dropping hints until Terry gives him the spare ticket. But like most 'bargains' that come the way of Arthur and Terry, there's a snag. It turns out that their benefactor is the daughter of an underworld boss.

The train has not long left London's Victoria Station when Terry and Arthur find themselves in the middle of gangland intrigue. Soon, Arthur is saying: 'I want to get off. Isn't there a request stop?' And when he does get off — by falling out of a door — he's begging Terry to help him back in.

Arthur's suspicions that



The train now standing... Terry (Dennis Waterman) and Arthur (George Cole) climb aboard for 'Minder on the Orient Express', on ITV.

he would have been better off taking a weekend in Southend are confirmed when he discovers that one of their travelling companions is his old enemy, Det Sgt Chisholm, on loan to Interpol.

All the *Minder* regulars

appear in the film, and guest stars include Honor Blackman, Maurice Denham, Ronald Lacey, Ralph Bates and Adam Faith. Sixties pop singer and star of *Budgie*, the Seventies television series which has recently been repeated on Channel Four.



The Royal Family has had a busy year. The Queen Mother celebrated her 88th birthday, Prince William started school, Princess Anne saddled up for horse racing and Prince Edward had them rolling in the aisles with his theatrical productions at college. In *The Royal Year* (this afternoon, ITV), Anthony Carthew looks back at the memorable royal events of 1985, a year in which the whole family have been criss-crossing the globe. The Queen visited Portugal and the Caribbean, the Queen Mother went to Canada, and the Prince and Princess of Wales toured Italy, Australia and America. Princess Diana,



Festive worship

THIS YEAR, Christmas Morning Service on ITV (STV excepted), comes from Kenton Methodist Church, Middlesex, which shares its Christmas morning with the neighbouring St John's United Reformed Church.

A musical delight is *Weber's Missa Sancta* (this evening, Channel Four), recorded at the baroque monastery of Waldsassen in West Germany.

And to end the day in most areas, ITV presents *Christmas Night Thoughts* from Wimbledon.

This evening, on Channel Four, *'Mel Brooks Hails Sid Caesar'*, a tribute to one of America's greatest comedians, whose live *'Show of Shows'* in the Fifties attracted a huge following. Caesar is pictured above left, and with Carl Reiner and Howard Morris as *The Three Haircuts*, a spoof rock 'n' roll group. Filmmaker and comedian Mel Brooks (left) worked for Caesar in the Fifties and has been a fan ever since.





More than £15 million went into the making of The James Bond film 'Moonraker' (this afternoon, ITV). Of that, £250,000 was spent on building a space centre, using enough wood to build 40 houses. Roger Moore plays Bond, and Lois Chiles, below, became the first Bond actress to experience a kiss at zero gravity.

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Arthur tucks in (left) but needs Terry's help to steer clear of Crane (Adam Faith, rear).

in particular, has been increasing her workload. As well as accompanying her husband on tours, she has taken on a full programme of engagements, varying from visiting an oil rig in the North Sea to driving a tank in West Germany. Many of these moments and more are highlighted in an action-packed hour. Following *The Royal Year*, is the Queen's Speech, at three o'clock.



Douglas Fairbanks Snr was at the height of his powers when he made 'The Thief of Bagdad' in 1924 (this afternoon, Channel Four), and after 60 years, this black-and-white silent film is still noteworthy for its special effects, particularly the flying carpet and the dragon (a crocodile with papiermaché fins and horns). Fairbanks is Ahmed, the thief who scales a magic rope to steal a pearl necklace but, instead, falls in love with a princess (Julanne Johnston, right).

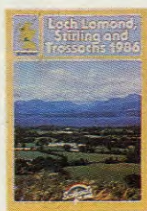


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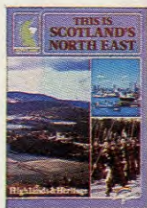
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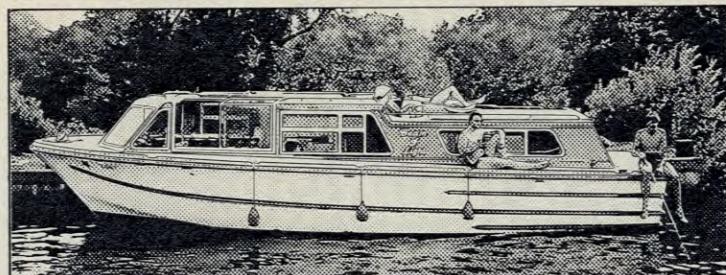
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On video, and on screen today: Chrissie Hynde with UB40.

Among the hits on 'Jim Davidson's Top Pop Videos of 1985' (this afternoon, ITV) is 'Running Up That Hill', the single that marked the return of Kate Bush to the British music scene after an absence of three years. Rumours abounded about what Kate was up to during that time; some said that she'd moved to France, that she'd put on weight and now weighed 18 stone. In fact, she'd been writing her comeback album, 'Hounds of Love', in her newly-built private studio.



Right: pop duo Go West sing 'We Close Our Eyes', on video.



Master of mystery David Berglas presents feats of memory, telepathy and levitation in his Channel Four show 'The Mind of David Berglas', this evening. Among guests will be Monty Python star Graham Chapman, pictured with Berglas (inset, right). Before Dee Hepburn joined 'Crossroads', she was 'Gregory's Girl' with Gordon John Sinclair (below), on ITV tonight.



Among the featured videos (this afternoon, ITV) is the one made last Christmas by Band Aid. The year-long efforts by Bob Geldof and his pop business contemporaries to combat famine in Africa are documented in Channel Four's Friday 27 December feature 'And Tonight Thank God It's Them Instead of You'.

Nik Kershaw pops up as a variety of golden-oldie characters dressed in the fashions of yesteryear for his video 'Wide Boy' (above), shown this afternoon. He can also be heard, along with George Michael from Wham!, accompanying Elton John (below) on 'Nikita', another of the featured videos. The part of Nikita, a beautiful Russian border guard, was played by London model, Anya (pictured with Elton), who has also released her own single, called 'Moscow Nights'.





Joan Collins forsakes the luxury of her penthouse in 'Dynasty' to appear on 'Des O'Connor Tonight' on ITV, with Dudley Moore, Alan King and ventriloquist William Tyler.



Christmas is even more hectic than usual in ITV's 'Fresh Fields', tonight. Hester and William (Julia McKenzie and Anton Rodgers, above) are depressed because their daughter and grandson will not be with them for Christmas. Then Hester decides to invite her mother, her mother's ex-husband, Sonia from next door, and William's secretary, Miss Denham, for lunch.

Christmas Day



Margot Fonteyn and Rudolf Nureyev performing in perfect harmony. Their partnership caused a sensation and brought thousands of new fans to ballet. Opposites in temperament, Nureyev and Fonteyn remain friends.

Margot's new ballet high

Everyone thought that the future was settled for Margot Fonteyn. She was 43, past the age when most ballerinas retire, she had a brilliant career behind her, was famous, respected and had achieved every goal she could hope for as a ballerina. Most people thought she would retire gracefully from the scene. Then, suddenly, along came a Russian dancer half her age who launched her on a second career.

The whole unlikely story is told in **Fonteyn and Nureyev: The Perfect Partnership** (this evening, Channel Four).

'Margot was already starting to wind down,' says producer Peter Batty. 'She was involving herself more in charity work, and that's how she came to meet Nureyev. She was putting on a charity gala for the Royal Academy of Dancing and decided to ask Nureyev to appear.'

At the time, Nureyev

was working in Denmark with a French ballet company. 'Arrogantly, he said he'd do it if he could dance with Fonteyn,' says Peter Batty. 'Margot hedged, Nureyev came over and was furious to discover that he wouldn't be partnering Fonteyn after all. Nevertheless, he appeared, and as a result he was invited to join the Royal Ballet. Then Margot, who was also a member, agreed to dance with him. They did *Giselle* together and it was a sensation.'

The ballet partnership of the century began with that production and only ended when Margot reached 60 in 1979.

'They were a magic mixture,' says Peter Batty. 'They appealed to ballet enthusiasts and also to people who'd never seen ballet before. They were quite different personalities. Nureyev was a fiery Russian Tartar half Fonteyn's age; she was the epitome of classical Western ballet and thought to be prim. Yet they got on very well together. She taught him a

lot, calmed him down and made him into a partner. He managed to persuade her to stretch herself.

'They had their ups and downs, of course, but they were both great gigglers and always able to take the tension out of the situation with their private jokes. They got on so well that many people wondered if they were having an affair, but it seems unlikely. It was an artistic love affair conducted in public.'

These days Margot Fonteyn lives the life of a recluse in Panama, and Nureyev lives in Paris. Their paths never cross, yet they often talk on the telephone and are good friends. **Linda Hawkins**



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Happily, by the end of the week's filming, the entente was extremely cordial. And on the last day, the French Ministry of Tourism held a grand party, with 60 free bottles of champagne - at the end of which many members of cast and crew discovered they were bilingual for the first time in their lives!



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feature *Romance on the Orient Express*. Perhaps, transporting that odd couple Terry McCann and Arthur Daley to exotic parts is slumming it a little, but then with the current state of the film industry, a train can't afford to be too choo-choo-choosy!

Euston's train set game

THERE'S MORE in common than just the train name between *Minder on the Orient Express* (Christmas Day, ITV) and the recent Yorkshire TV production *Romance on the Orient Express*.

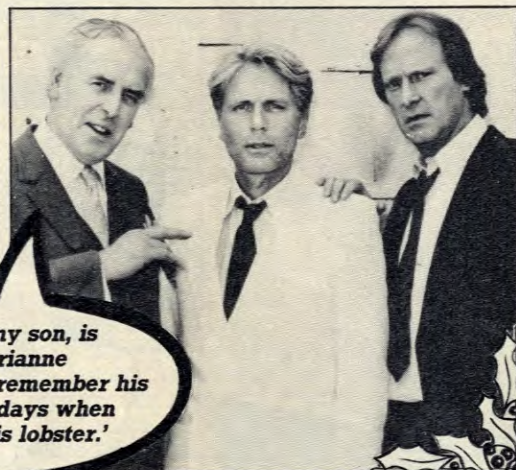
To save the expense of building a second lot of replica coaches, Euston Films, the *Minder* producers, borrowed the Yorkshire set.

Rock and roll journey

A SCENE requiring passengers to be flung from their seats as the train in which they're travelling comes to a sudden stop in an Alpine pass, caused a lot of problems for Johnny Goodman, executive director of production on *Minder on the Orient Express*.

To get the right effect, the replica Orient Express carriages were mounted on rockers and attached to a 20-ton lorry. As the cameras rolled, the lorry revved up and surged forwards, giving the passengers a great jolt.

Cast and crew filmed from 6am until 12.30am trying to get the stunt right. Dennis Waterman (*Minder*'s Terry McCann) remarked that it was the first time he'd ever felt sea-sick on a train!



'This, Terence my son, is Adam. . . Marianne Faithful's brother. I remember his hits from the old days when the world was his lobster.'



George Cole, Honor Blackman and Dennis Waterman (below), co-stars in *'Fright'* (1971), are reunited in *'Minder'*.

Minders met and Dennis played dead

GEORGE COLE and Dennis Waterman always believed that they had never worked together before *Minder*, but a conversation sparked off by the news that Honor Blackman was to be a guest star in the film *Minder on the Orient Express*, made the two men realise that they had appeared on screen together before, as long ago as 1971.

Cole says: 'We were being driven somewhere in a car, and I was recalling that I'd worked with Honor in a film called *Fright*. Dennis chipped in with, "Don't be silly. I was in that film with Honor and I never saw you."

'It turned out,' says Cole, 'that Dennis had accepted a part in

Fright of a character who gets murdered early on. It suited Dennis at the time because he wanted to go off on his holidays. Then, to his great disgust, he discovered that he was obliged to spend the next six weeks lying dead in a corridor, while the rest of us stepped over him. I must have walked over his prone body a dozen times and never once introduced myself.'



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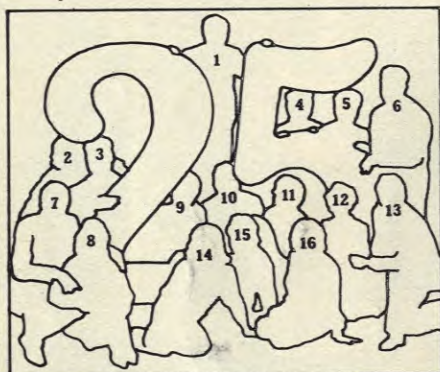
Silver anniversary for the Street

Television's greatest soap opera is a quarter of a century old. Since the first episode of *Coronation Street* was broadcast on 9 December 1960, millions of fans have got to know its characters better than their own neighbours. It is now the subject of a documentary, *Coronation Street - The First Twenty Five Years* (this evening, ITV), which includes highlights nominated by viewers.

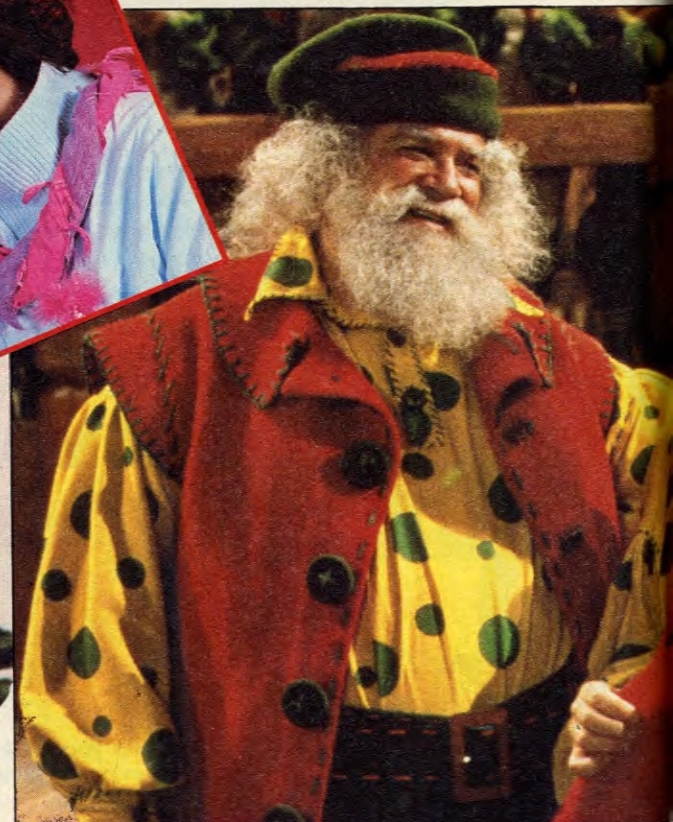
As producer David Liddiment explains, viewers wrote in their hundreds, telling how they have identified with a certain character or storyline. Some associate personal stories with what was happening on the *Street* at a particular time.

Judging by the response, in the past 25 years, two clear favourites have emerged - Hilda Ogden, (Jean Alexander), closely followed by Ena Sharples (Violet Carson).

Sara Turnbull



Key to picture: 1 Jean Alexander, 2 Elizabeth Dawn, 3 William Tarmey, 4 Bill Waddington, 5 Eileen Derbyshire, 6 Bryan Mosley, 7 William Roache, 8 Anne Kirkbride, 9 Nigel Pivaro, 10 Michael Le Vell, 11 Kevin Kennedy, 12 Thelma Barlow, 13 Johnny Briggs, 14 Helen Worth, 15 Christopher Quinten and 16 Lynne Perrie.

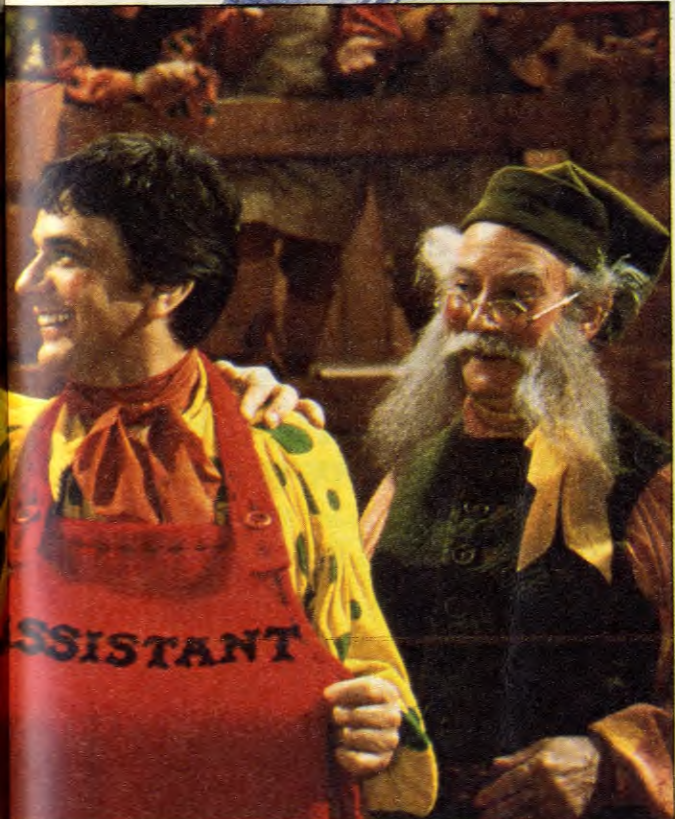


In *'Santa Claus - The Movie: Behind the Scenes'*, on ITV this morning, Sue Robbie (inset) follows the making of the film that's now on cinema release and stars David Huddleston as Santa Claus (above and

High-flier Anneka Rice prepares to take off from Cape Canaveral in Florida for a special edition of 'Treasure Hunt', on Channel Four this evening. Meanwhile, back in London, Kenneth Kendall and the contestants will transmit their directions by satellite.



Gordon Burns puts four 'Achievers of 1985' through their paces in 'The Krypton Factor Celebrity Special' on ITV this afternoon. See how the contestants, all sporting stars, fare in TV's toughest quiz.



(left), Dudley Moore as Patch and John Barrard as Dooley (right). Sue also meets Santa's famous reindeer and takes a backstage look at how the film's stunning special effects are achieved.

A professional lady-killer

Terry Wogan came seventh behind him. Even Dennis Waterman came only fifth. But right up there at the top of a national opinion poll as the sexiest man in Britain was Lewis Collins.

You can see him in *Who Dares Wins* (this evening, ITV), the film tribute to the legendary SAS, as the daring Captain Peter Skellen. But whether Collins is playing an SAS man or Bodie in ITV's *The Professionals*, when he beckons, the ladies react.

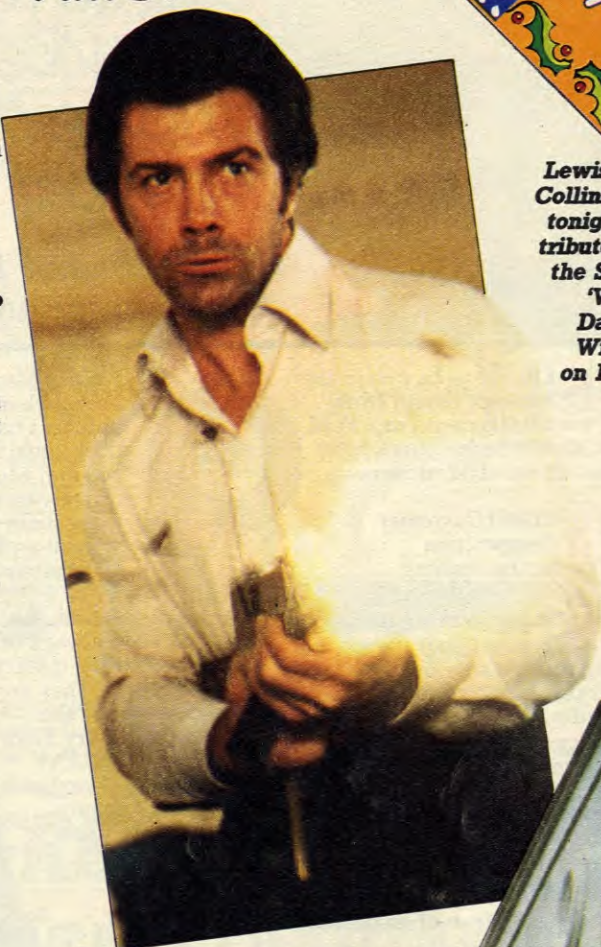
Collins lives in Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire, but the cosy scene of domesticity that might conjure up is belied by press descriptions of a house that lacks the hand of a good woman, and a diet of takeaway meals that alternates with crash-courses of running and cycling when he has to get into shape for another macho screen role.

The finer points of retaining fitness probably come from his friends, some of whom are actually in the real SAS.

His on-screen appeal — particularly to women — made him hot favourite to succeed Roger Moore as James Bond. At one stage there was a lot of talk about it, but he will have to wait for at least one more 007 picture to be made before the subject comes up again, as Moore appears to have agreed to return to the role.

Professionally, Collins is a clever manipulator of his image. He prefers to stay clear of the press and pose as a loner. And he even tried once to add to his macho image by growing a beard. But when it came to being photographed with it he agitatedly demanded that there should be no cameras present.

One photographer took a picture of him, but other cameramen stayed clear. Collins was still intent on proving what a tough guy he is.



Lewis Collins in tonight's tribute to the SAS, 'Who Dares Wins', on ITV.



Lewis Collins as the tough CI5 agent Bodie in the ITV series 'The Professionals'.



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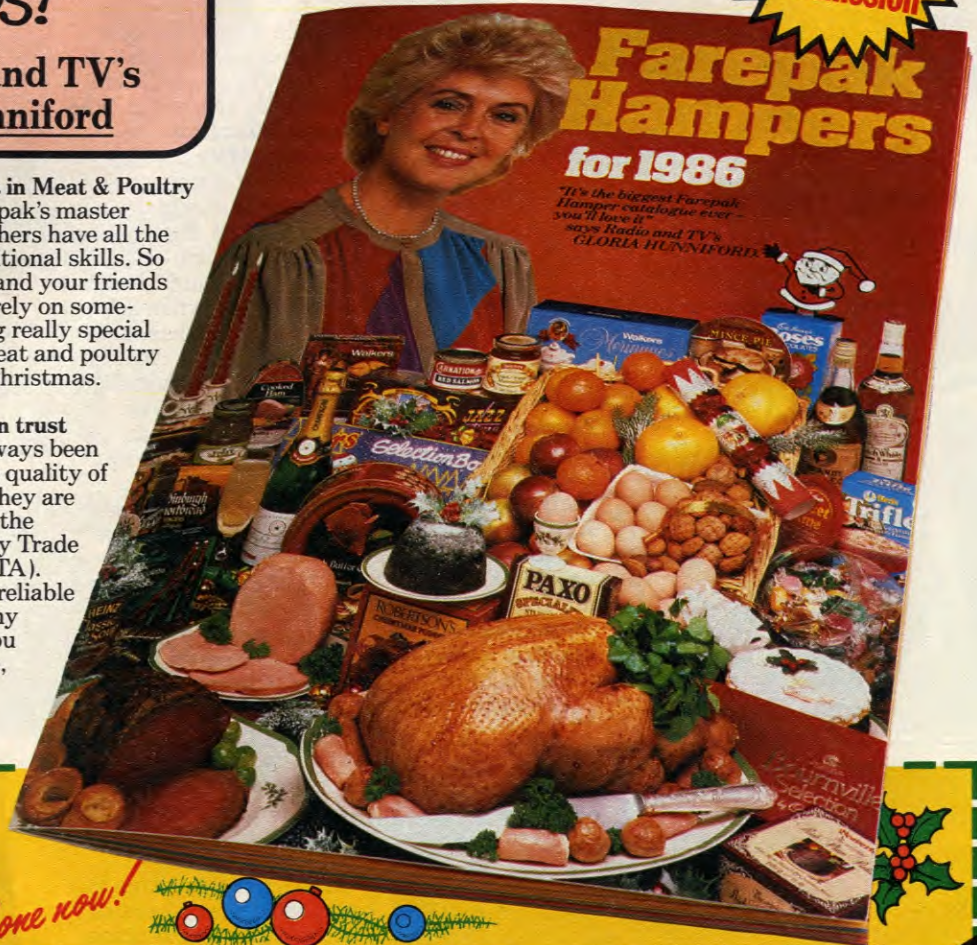
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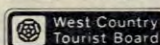
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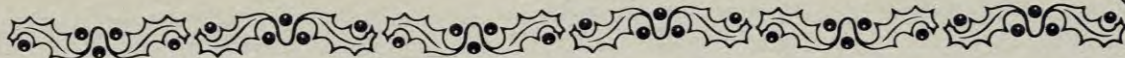
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LAKE TITICACA in Bolivia, the towering Andean peak of Condoriri and the Peruvian Inca ruins of Sacsahuaman and Machu Picchu... these are some of the stunning locations used in **Incantation: Music of the Andes** (this afternoon, Channel Four).

For centuries, the Indian people of the Andes have played haunting melodies on flutes and panpipes, and it was the Incantation group's record *Cacharpaya* that took a traditional Bolivian dance tune and turned it into Hit Parade material.

For Channel Four's documentary programme, the group travelled through Peru and Bolivia to film and record the traditional sounds of the Indian street musicians.

Before forming Incantation in 1982, the classically-trained players had all worked with the Ballet Rambert.



Incantation in an Inca fortress in Peru.

As a day in the life of a nice, middle-class Connecticut couple, **'A Delicate Balance'** (Channel Four, this evening) is a surprisingly powerful and traumatic story. This rarely-seen 1974 film version of Edward Albee's play stars Katharine Hepburn and Paul Scofield (pictured below) as the unfortunate couple whose lives are disturbed by the intrusion of their next-door neighbours (Joseph Cotten and Betsy Blair) and then their own daughter (Lee Remick), toting a gun. With a minimum of exterior filming, the movie becomes an intimate and claustrophobic tale of marital disharmony, reminiscent of Albee's classic play and 1966 film, *'Who's Afraid Of Virginia Woolf?'*. A contemporary review summed up *'Balance'* as 'a fascinating exercise in cinematic theatre'.



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Dizzy and the Duke top the jazz bill

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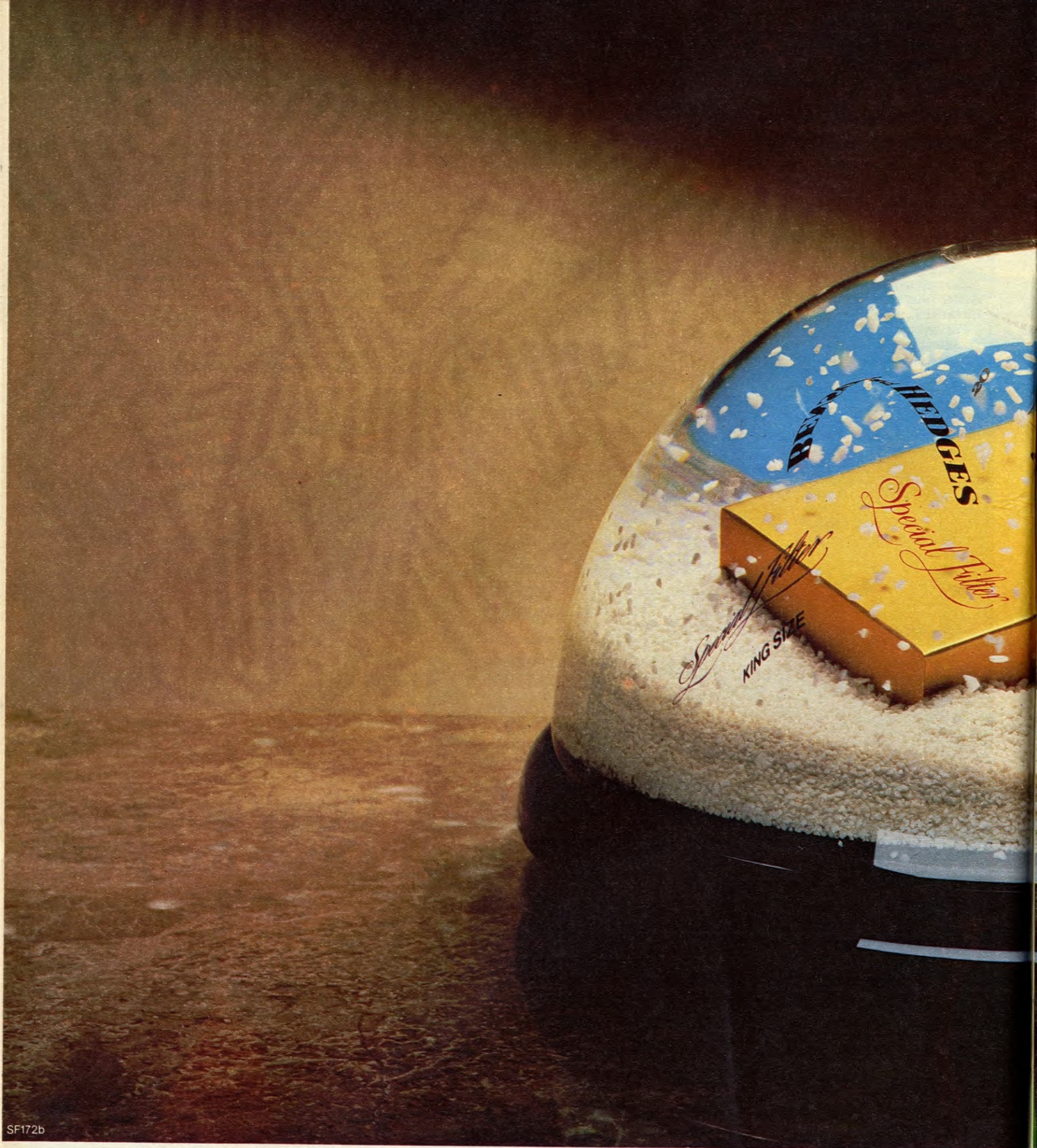
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Love You Madly (Thursday 2 January, ITV), which takes a documentary look at last May's four-day convention of Ellington enthusiasts, held for the first time in England, at an hotel in Oldham, Greater Manchester.

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**SATURDAY 21
DECEMBER**

The Mikado

4 2.30pm-4.10pm

Brilliantly-coloured, this early version of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta is still the best. Hollywood's experienced Victor Schertzinger swings it along in style. 1938

Gnomes

4 4.10pm-5.05pm

Based on the international best-seller, this animated film version is in the capable hands of designer Auri Battaglie, a former Walt Disney artist, and one of America's foremost cartoon directors, Jack Zander. TVM 1980

Reds

ITV 9.00pm-12.35am

A story of epic proportions, set in America and Russia in the 1915-1921 period. And it is also a love story - on a scale to match *Doctor Zhivago*. Warren Beatty plays an idealistic Communist in America, Diane Keaton the free-thinking writer who joins his semi-underground movement. Together, they are caught up in momentous events in world history. 1981

MONDAY

The Fire in the Stone

ITV 10.20am-12noon

The completion of a trio of colourful films from the progressive South Australian Film Corporation from the novels of Colin Thiele (the first two were the acclaimed *Storm Boy* and *Blue Fin*). 1983

The Little Colonel

4 2.30pm-4.00pm

Shirley Temple in the Deep South, and at her most beguiling. The talented tot also does the famous dance up and down the steps with Bill 'Bojangles' Robinson. 1935

Great Expectations

ITV 1.30pm-3.45pm

Lavish, version of Dickens' classic, which simplifies the story but misses the flavour of the original book. (TSW: 2.0pm-4.10pm.) 1975

**Bulldog
Drummond's
Secret Police**

4 11.25pm-12.30am

There's murder in the North Wing of Drummond Towers. And the basement, with the Thames winding through the cellars, is hardly the sort of place you could convert into a games room - though, complete with ceiling with descending spikes, it makes for a hair-raising climax. 1939

CHRISTMAS EVE

Never Never Land

ITV 10.55am-12.30pm

British premiere of a film about two children, unhappy at home and obsessed with the story of Peter Pan, who run away into a land of their own fantasies. . . but in modern terms. Petula Clark, Evelyn Laye, Roland Culver and Jessie Matthews provide formidable support. 1980

The big films are yours for the watching

David Quinlan and Kevin Wilson review more than 60 films to be shown during the next two weeks on ITV and Channel Four.

For more information on your local films, see pages 47 and 81.

**Diane Keaton and
Warren Beatty -
together in
the romantic
epic 'Reds',
on Saturday
21 December, ITV.**



Close Encounters of the Third Kind (Special Edition)

ITV 1.30pm-3.55pm

Set mainly in an Indiana town, Steven Spielberg's dazzling film is a story of ordinary people confronted by the extraordinary.

1978

Inspector Hornleigh on Holiday

4 2.35pm-4.15pm

If you liked the first of the three Hornleigh films, shown on Channel Four

recently, you'll relish his further adventures here, with Gordon Harker and Alastair Sim picking up the roles of inspector and sergeant like well-worn gloves.

1939

Pest from the West

4 4.10pm-4.35pm

This latest Buster Keaton comedy finds him in Mexico. His leading lady is Lorna Gray, who later became better known as Adrian Booth.

1939

The Snowman

4 6.30pm-7.00pm

Undoubtedly, one of the finest British animated films for many years. The highlight is the flying sequence, to the beautiful accompaniment of young Aled Jones singing *Walking in the Air*. Sheer delight from start to finish.

TVM 1982

Arthur

ITV 9.00pm-10.45pm

John Gielgud won an Oscar and Dudley Moore was nominated for one in this side-splitting comedy that gleams with wisecracks. Moore perfectly captures a state of permanent inebriation, while Gielgud plainly relishes the butler whose tongue rolls deliciously round rude insults that belie his primness.

1980

The Lady Vanishes

4 9.35pm-11.25pm

A Hitchcock thriller which has become one of the few timeless classics from the British cinema of the Thirties, with its famous plot of the little old lady who vanishes while travelling on the Trans-Continental Express.

1938

CHRISTMAS DAY Mister Skeeter

4 11.00am-12.30pm

Dealing as it does with a couple of children and an eccentric dosser, this movie from the Children's Film Unit has a lot in common with the spirit of *The Optimists of Nine Elms*.

1985

The Black Hole

ITV 11.15am-1pm

Robust, robotic space opera, this, even if the

story is compounded of familiar motifs from a variety of fantasy and science-fiction favourites. There's plenty going on most of the time.

1979

Happy Anniversary

4 1.20pm-1.30pm

Absolutely hilarious short comedy from France, featuring lugubrious Pierre Etaix as a husband desperately trying to get home, on his anniversary, through traffic jams.

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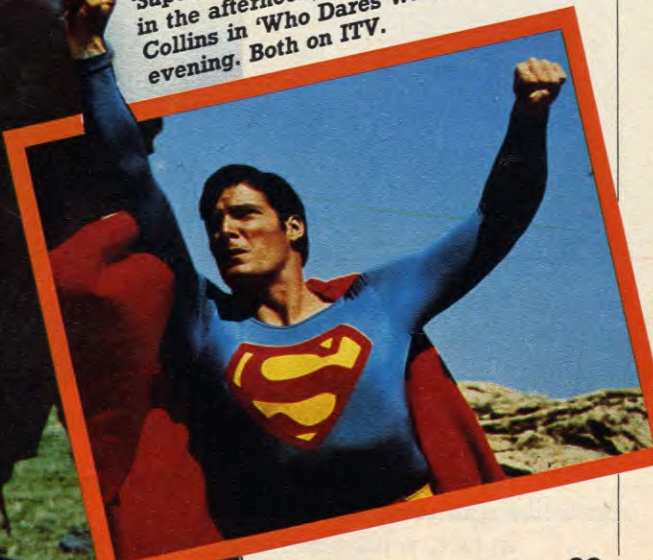


Take a flight of fancy with the legendary Douglas Fairbanks as 'The Thief of Bagdad', on Channel Four on Christmas Day.

Thrill to 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' on Christmas Eve afternoon, and in the evening chuckle with Jill Eikenberry and Dudley Moore in 'Arthur'. Christmas Day afternoon sees Roger Moore in 'Moonraker'. All on ITV.



Boxing Day heroics. Below: 'Superman', with Christopher Reeve, in the afternoon; and (left) Lewis Collins in 'Who Dares Wins', in the evening. Both on ITV.





Charlton Heston, Dorothy Lamour in 'The Greatest Show on Earth', on ITV, New Year's Eve morning.

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At the Circus

4 2.30pm-4.15pm

The film in which Groucho Marx sang *Lydia the Tattooed Lady* long before The Muppets. He also woos statuesque Margaret Dumont for the penultimate time. 'That night,' he tells her, 'I drank champagne from your slipper - two quarts. It would have held more but you were wearing inner soles.' 1939

Moonraker

ITV 3.05pm-5.30pm

Each James Bond film on TV is a bit like an annual outing to a pantomime: the plot relies alternately on the inconceivable and the impossible. 1979

Nothing But Pleasure

4 4.15pm-4.35pm

More fun with Buster Keaton; his co-star, though hardly a co-operative one, is a car. 1939

The Thief of Bagdad

4 4.45pm-7.45pm

Acclaimed at the time as 'the furthest and most sudden advance films have made', this was Douglas Fairbanks' at his most ambitious. Wonderfully extravagant. 1924

Gregory's Girl

ITV 10.50pm-12.30am

The freshest and funniest school comedy from Britain since *It's Great to Be Young* 25 years earlier and so true you have to laugh. 1980

BOXING DAY

The Great Race

ITV 10.40am-1.25pm

Rather recklessly described as 'the greatest comedy of all time', this is a fun-filled account (dedicated to 'Mr Laurel and Mr Hardy') of an epic automobile race at the turn of the century. 1965

Bette Midler: 'Divine Madness', Friday 3 January, Channel Four.



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Superman
ITV 2.40pm-5.15pm
 Christopher Reeve made a big impact here as Superman, getting away nicely with being both bespectacled newspaperman and wrong-righting wonder, without making you ask why no one spotted it. 1978

The Rake's Progress
4 3.00pm-5.15pm
 This polished, sometimes touching catalogue of cadsmanship had star Rex Harrison dubbed as 'sexy Rexy' - and had trouble with the American censors. 1945

Who Dares Wins
ITV 9.00pm-11.20pm
 The exploits of the SAS here gave British film makers the chance to reply in kind to the increasingly tough thrillers from Hollywood. Lewis Collins, from *The Professionals*, is the SAS man who goes undercover to undermine a terrorist organisation. The action is a long time coming, but is brilliantly staged in the last 20 minutes. 1982

A Delicate Balance
4 10.00pm-12.30pm
 A fascinating piece of cinematic theatre, with director Tony Richardson retaining the full force of Edward Albee's play. 1974
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For thrills and spills, see Clint Eastwood in the saddle as 'Bronco Billy', Saturday 28 December, ITV.

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FRIDAY

Volcano

ITV 10.40am-1.00pm

This action saga has an old-fashioned feel, with its elements of sunken treasure in ancient shipwrecks, deep-sea divers in difficulties, mutiny and fire. 1968

Bim Le Petit Ane

4 12noon-1.00pm

This touching story of a young Bedouin whose only possession is his donkey was a first big success for director Albert Lamorisse, later to make *The Red Balloon* (see next Monday). 1949

Digby - the Biggest Dog in the World

ITV 1.30pm-3.10pm

Popular repeat of the film about the Old English sheep-dog who grows to enormous size. Funniest scene comes when Jim Dale learns how to eat in a transport cafe with knife, fork and spoon chained to the table. 1973

Millions Like Us

4 3.00pm-5.00pm

This Launder-Gilliat production was a big success of the war years. It offers a chance to see Gordon Jackson, now best known in *The Professionals*, but here at the beginning of his career, as the young air gunner who falls for Patricia Roc. 1943

Northstar

ITV 7.30pm-8.45pm

Shades of *The Six Million Dollar Man* in this tale of an astronaut who acquires extraordinary physical and intellectual powers, like running alongside cars at 35mph. The starring role marks the return to TV of Greg Evigan, once of *BJ and the Bear*. TVM 1985

I See a Dark Stranger

4 10.45pm-12.50am

Excellent drama with a multiplicity of incident and some fascinating characters. Deborah Kerr is bewitching as the adventuress who, keen to join the IRA, becomes the pawn of Nazis instead. 1946



Alastair Sim, Martita Hunt and Edward Chapman proving it's 'Folly to be Wise' on Sunday 29 December, Channel Four.

SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER

Treasures of the Snow

ITV 10.15am-11.57am

Lively British children's adventure film, largely shot in the Swiss Alps, high above Lake Geneva. Fans of the Heidi adventures, in particular, will love it. 1980

Terminus

4 11.50am-12.30pm

John Schlesinger's famous account of a day in the life of London's Waterloo Station. 1960

The London Nobody Knows

4 2.15pm-3.05pm

Atmospheric documentary, spotlighting some unfamiliar aspects of a familiar city. 1967

The Story of Gilbert and Sullivan

4 3.05pm-5.05pm

A feast for fans of their music, with Robert Morley in particularly good form as Gilbert. 1953

Bronco Billy

ITV 6.30pm-8.45pm

A holiday for the Clint Eastwood gang from all that heavy-duty stuff like *Dirty Harry*. It tries entertainingly to mix the Eastwood Western myth,

straight-jacketed into a modern rodeo show, with a Thirties' screwball comedy that might well have been called *Footloose Heiress*. 1980

The Far Country

4 7.15pm-9.00pm

A rip-snorting Technicolor Western from the middle of director Anthony Mann's best period of work. Stars James Stewart and Ruth Roman have to give second-best to Walter Brennan (another of his grizzled cowboys), Corinne Calvet as a winsome French-Canadian spitfire, and John McIntire as the villain. 1954

Don Giovanni

4 9.00pm-12.35am

Joseph Losey's film of Mozart's opera keeps its arias on the move and is all pace and passion. 1979

SUNDAY

The Great Muppet Caper

ITV 12.15pm-2.00pm

More merry mayhem from the Muppets, aided and abetted by such brave humans as Diana Rigg, Charles Grodin and Peter Ustinov. 1981

Folly to be Wise

4 1.45pm-3.25pm

The delightful talent of Alastair Sim helps glue together this film version of a James Bridie comedy

play. Sim's a chaplain chairing a brains trust that turns into a catalogue of sexual scandal. Some of the other performances are amusing, too, with Janet Brown making a rare film appearance. 1952

Starflight One

ITV 2.30pm-4.30pm

They really should have called this one *Airplane III*. Hypersonic *Starflight One*, piloted by iron-jawed Cody Briggs (Lee Majors) goes into orbit trying to avoid a rogue rocket. Some good players are caught up in the events that follow; Ray Milland grits his teeth and wades through the dialogue like a man obliged to eat chalk. TVM 1982

Friday the Thirteenth

4 3.25pm-5.05pm

Not the recent multi-murder bloodbath, but the British TV premiere of a successful early omnibus film which utilised most of the best British cinema talent of the time. Jessie Matthews and Ralph Richardson are particularly pleasing. 1933

Christmas in July

4 11.15pm-12.35am

One of director Preston Sturges's earliest comedy hits. Dick Powell excels as the man who, thinking he has won a jingle contest, starts buying everything in sight on credit. The film's short running time enables Sturges to move it along at a rollicking pace and a laugh a minute. 1940

MONDAY

Africa - Texas Style!

ITV 10.10am-12noon

A likeable animal adventure with good performances from John Mills (the central figure in the film's best sequence, when he demonstrates the lie of the land instead of controlling his plane) and Tom Nardini. The animal action is thunderingly well shot. 1967

The Crimson Pirate

ITV 1.40pm-3.40pm

This adventure story is played relentlessly tongue-in-cheek; a burlesque, in fact, with

Burt Lancaster poking fun at his own acrobatic ability. Good colour photography by Otto Heller and loads of battles at sea. 1952

Green for Danger

4 2.35pm-4.15pm

A really creepy thriller set in a wartime emergency hospital. Alastair Sim is in excellent form as the inspector on the case, providing a welcome vein of comedy running through the suspense. 1946

The Red Balloon

4 4.15pm-5.00pm

Charming featurette in superb Technicolor by the French director Albert Lamorisse. It won him an Oscar. 1966

Avalanche

ITV 11.00pm-12.40am

As disaster movies go, this one is pretty disastrous - although the avalanche scene at the end is a triumph of editing over matter. A number of major stars battle gamely against prevailing wintry conditions. 1978

NEW YEAR'S EVE

The Greatest Show on Earth

ITV 9.55am-12.30pm

Cecil B DeMille's circus blockbuster: it won an Academy Award as the best film of its year, and boasts a spectacular train crash. Best performances from James Stewart, as the clown on the run, and Lyle Bettger, as the insanely jealous Klaus. 1952

The Golden Seal

ITV 2.00pm-3.40pm

Unusual children's film set on a bleak Aleutian island off the coast of Alaska. The storms and hazards that beset the leading characters all look mighty real. 1983

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A Girl Must Live

4 2.30pm-4.15pm

Or: *British Gold-Diggers of 1939*. Margaret Lockwood and director Carol Reed both took big career strides forward with this account of girls at a theatrical boarding house trying to snap up eligible aristocrats. 1939

London Belongs To Me

4 8.30pm-10.30pm

Absorbing *Lauder* and *Gilliat* film about the denizens of a South London boarding house in 1939. A touchingly human drama. 1948

A Home of Your Own

4 10.30pm-11.20pm

Director and co-writer Jay Lewis abandons dialogue in this very funny short comedy of sometimes surreal visual gags, spun around the disaster-laden building of a house. 1964

NEW YEAR'S DAY

The Bugs Bunny/ Road Runner Movie

TV 9.50am-11.30am

A side-splitting selection of cartoons, featuring five Bugs Bunnies complete, plus extracts from 16 Road Runner sagas. 1979

Waterloo Road

4 2.00pm-3.25pm

This *Lauder-Gilliat* study of spiv Stewart Granger nearly snatching soldier John Mills's girl was noted at the time for its (then) terrific fist-fight between the two protagonists, twice as realistic as anything seen in British films before. Real-life boxers were called in to train Granger and Mills. 1944

The Happiest Days of Your Life

4 3.25pm-5.00pm

No two players were ever more happily teamed than Alastair Sim and Margaret Rutherford in this riotous comedy about a boys' school forced to share its buildings with a girls' school. Dame Margaret quivers indignantly, while Sim dithers delightfully at each new crisis. 1950

The Custard Boys

4 5.00pm-6.30pm

Colin Finbow directs a talented group of children in a wartime drama. 1979

THURSDAY

Kaleidoscope

TV 1.45pm-3.40pm

Jack Smight's feisty comedy-thriller about a clever gambler. A fun film, with Clive Revill splendid as an unorthodox Scotland Yard man. (All areas except Scottish.) 1966

Turkey Time

4 2.30pm-3.45pm

The Tom Walls-Ralph Lynn-Robertson Hare trio is supported here by such stalwarts as Mary Brough and Norma Varden and there are plenty of Christmas carols. 1933

FRIDAY

The Mad Dog Gang

TV 11.00am-12.30pm

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Scavenger Hunt

TV 1.30pm-3.40pm

Amazing cast and amusing premise doesn't quite add up to what it should. When Vincent Price dies, he gives his relatives crazy tasks to fulfil which set them at each other's throats. 1979

Dark Enemy

4 4.00pm-5.30pm

An unusual and fascinating fantasy, the third film from the highly-regarded Children's Film Unit. 1984

Divine Madness

4 11.55am-1.40am

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6.45 3-2-1
7.45 Christmas Cannon & Ball
9.00 Reds
9.00 Upstairs, Downstairs*
10.00 Hill Street Blues*

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER

5.30 Albion Market
8.15 Jewel in the Crown*
9.35 The Death of the Heart

MONDAY 23 DECEMBER

6.30 Citizen 2000*
7.00 Nature Watch
7.30 Coronation Street
8.30 Pride of our Alley*
9.00 The Bill

CHRISTMAS EVE

1.30 Close Encounters of the Third Kind
5.00 Peace on Earth*
8.00 The Best of Morecambe and Wise

9.00 Arthur

CHRISTMAS DAY

11.00 Mister Skeeter*
2.00 The Royal Year
3.05 Moonraker
6.10 Coronation Street
6.45 Fresh Fields
Christmas Special
7.30 Minder on the Orient Express

BOXING DAY

2.40 Superman
5.30 The Krypton Factor
Celebrity Christmas Special
6.30 A Frame With Davis*
7.00 Treasure Hunt*
7.45 Coronation Street — the First Twenty-Five Years
9.00 Who Dares Wins

FRIDAY 27 DECEMBER

1.30 Digby — the Biggest Dog in the World
5.00 Citizen 2000*
6.30 A Frame With Davis*
7.30 Northstar

Here and on page 81 David Quinlan and Kevin Wilson preview the rest of the season's films on Central. Previews of other ITV and all Channel Four movies start on page 38.

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER

Carry On Again Doctor

ITV 3.00pm-4.30pm

Sub-titled *The Bowels Are Ringing*, this medicinal mayhem offers Sid James as a Pacific island hospital orderly with a harem of wives. Despite the fact that they have not been among the best in the series, the hospital farces have proved the most popular of the Carry Ons. Michael Caine's wife Shakira Baksh has a minor role. The cast is full of series regulars: Kenneth Williams, Jim Dale, Charles Hawtrey, Barbara Windsor, Hattie Jacques, Peter Butterworth and Joan Sims. 1969

MONDAY 23 DECEMBER

Nine to Five

ITV 10.20pm-12.20am

The fast, furious and unusual comedy that gave rise to the successful television series proves to be fun to have around. For most of its running time, it trips a zany light fantastic round three lady office workers, the brains (Lily Tomlin), the bust (Dolly Parton, who also sings the first-rate theme song) and the bewildered (an offbeat role for Jane Fonda — especially funny when trying to cope with computer filing systems). The main villain of the piece, however, is not the machine age, but the girls' intolerable, pig-man, grind-the-employees-into-the-ground, we've-all-met-'em sexist employer. This is a thankless but well-played role for the wolfish Dabney Coleman, who at least gets star billing for his pains. How the girls keep Coleman prisoner in his own home while proving fraudulent conversion against him is

every henpecked clerk's dream; wish-fulfilment to be sure, but of the happiest kind, with hallucination sequences, madcap encounters with a corpse on a trolley, and even cartoon characters on the way. Lily Tomlin is delightful as Violet, although suitable roles for both her and Dolly Parton have not proved easy for the cinema to subsequently find. The three actresses, seemingly of contrasting natures, got along well during the making of the film, possibly because Jane Fonda, who developed the idea for the film, had insisted on having Lily and Dolly in the cast. The three even admitted to getting drunk together on champagne. Things must have been going well. 1980

See pages 57 and 81 for more Oracle details

Russell Grant

Aries 21 March-20 April

There's an intrusive intensity which at times may dampen the Christmas spirit. Complex undercurrents smoulder as a result of sexual hang-ups or jealousy within close relationships. Dig deep down to the roots of any problem so you can head toward Hogmanay with a much more positive outlook. The New Year dawns with a vivacious vitality.

Taurus 21 April-21 May

If you're out of the country or away from home over the holidays, then clever old you! You deserve a break away from the usual Yuletide chores and, if you can get others to wait on you, then it'll be a Christmas to remember. The New Year has an arty feel, which brings a yearning for culture, glamour and romance.

Gemini 22 May-21 June

Over the hills and far away this Noel, whether it's a festive day trip to the in-laws, or a much longer search for the sun; travel of all sorts is super this Saturnalia. Last minute cards and packages fly in or out, including some good news with which to toast in the New Year. Your other half will surprise you.

Cancer 22 June-23 July

Between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day, the silvery Moon decides that it's out with the old and in with the new. The closing of a chapter makes this a major turning point in your partnerships as well as personal life. Emotionally you're a sensitive creature, but don't let your feelings prevent you from following a new path in 1986.



Your stars for Christmas and the New Year

Leo 24 July-23 August

The winter solstice is a major astrological energy point and, for you, it's time to see just how efficient your world is. A review of your working world will show shortcomings and failings that need improving, so there's no rest for you — even over the hols. Away from work, plan a dreamy, traditional Christmas filled with peace.

Virgo 24 August-23 September

It's a homely Christmas for you. I'm not saying it'll be without incident — either the TV will have a funny turn, or a relative will be obstreperous — but you'll feel cosier and happier in the arms of the family. A surprise will greet you in the New Year.

Libra 24 September-23 October

You're in high spirits this Advent; one sniff of the sherry cork and you're anyone's! Only after Boxing Day do you begin to settle down and stop acting. A heart to heart over the New Year will create a more harmonious scene for 1986, when with domestic reconciliation, you'll be as united as the holly and the ivy.

Scorpio 24 October-22 November

Only when old Father Time gives way to a fledgling New Year will you be able to get on with the job of transforming your life for the better. Creatively you have some stunning plans, but you must face personal problems and obsessions.

Sagittarius 23 Nov-21 December

It's a cracker of a Christmas; no quiet nights for you, just lots of knees-ups. If you want a quick wassail or a few lessons and carols, then nothing's stopping you this merry Noël. The less you plan the better, as you're bound to receive one or two surprise invitations, so keep your arrangements loose and flexible.

Capricorn 22 December-20 January

This is your time of the year — full of memories. But don't be too quick to reminisce; there are happy days ahead. Music, theatre and genteel enjoyment will make the festive season more of a pleasure than usual. Come the 27th, Venus swings into your Sun sign, so it's off to the sales. Oh, by the way, happy birthday.

Aquarius 21 January-19 February

Get out and about with friends, for the more you socialise and circulate, the jollier life will be. A conversation or communication will raise your Christmas spirits. The whole holiday should be spent putting ideas down on paper and letting your hair down with pals. You have a bevy of brainwaves that shouldn't be forgotten.

Pisces 20 February-20 March

If you want to enjoy a decadent, indulgent thrash and dance till dawn, wait until Hogmanay, otherwise you're more suited to churches and carols. Pantomimes, films and glad tidings galore will bring all that Christmas should. Information gathered while on social rounds could be most advantageous.

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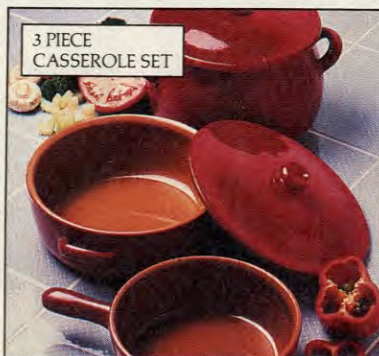


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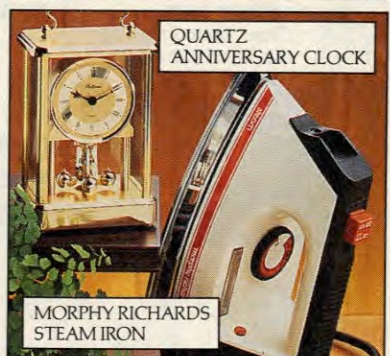


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12.00 ITN News

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12.05 Saint & Greavsie

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12.30 Wrestling

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1.20 Airwolf

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Stringfellow Hawke

Jan-Michael Vincent
Dominic Santini Ernest Borgnine
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2.15 Gymnastics

The Kraft International

Introduced by Dicky Davies live from Wembley Arena
Former World and Olympic vault gold medal winner Lou Yun, of China, heads a field of top competitors in this international event. The 22-year-old star, who finished second only to newly crowned overall World Individual champion Yuri Korolev of the USSR at last month's World Championships in Montreal, takes on rivals from the United States, USSR, Japan, Rumania, Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia. Representing Great Britain are national champions Hayley Price, 19, from Redditch and Bromsgrove, and Terry Bartlett, the 21-year-old Southampton gymnast who now studies at Penn State University in America. Commentators are John Taylor and Monica Phelps.

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2.30 The Mikado

FILM Film version of Gilbert and Sullivan's classic comic opera. Nanki-Poo, son of the Mikado of Japan, has fled to the town of Titipu in order to escape the attentions of Katisha, an elderly lady. A year before, he had fallen in love with Yum-Yum, a schoolgirl betrothed to her guardian Ko-Ko, the Lord High Executioner. Learning that Ko-Ko has been condemned to death for flirting, Nanki-Poo hopes to find Yum-Yum free.

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Nanki-Poo	Kenny Baker
Ko-Ko	Martyn Green
Yum-Yum	Jean Colin
Pooch-Bah	Sydney Granville
The Mikado	John Barclay
Pish-Tush	Gregory Stroud
Katisha	Constance Willis
Pitti-Sing	Elizabeth Paynter
Peep-Bo	Kathleen Naylor

DIRECTOR VICTOR SCHERTZINGER

4.10 Gnomes

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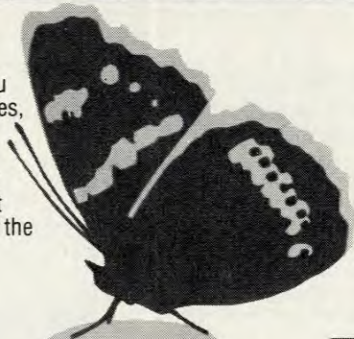
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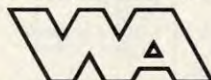
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5.05pm Blockbusters

BOB HOLNESS

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to 18-year-old contestants test
their speed and general
knowledge on the
Blockbusters game board.
Presenter is Bob Holness.
Produced in association with
Mark Goodson and Talbot
Television Ltd.

DIRECTORS ANDY MARTIN,
DENNIS LIDDINGTON
PRODUCER TONY WOLFE
Central Production

5.35 Blind Date

CILLA BLACK

Cilla Black hosts this
lighthearted look at what
happens on a blind date. A
group of lively young people
question each other sight
unseen to choose a partner
for a blind date.

DESIGNER RICHARD DUNN
ASSOCIATE PRODUCER
MICHAEL LONGMIRE
DIRECTOR TERRY KINANE
PRODUCER
CILLA STRIBLING-WRIGHT
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
MARCUS PLANTIN
LWT Production

6.15 Copy Cats

BOBBY DAVRO
with GARY WILMOT
JOHNNY MORE
A J HARVEY
ALLAN STEWART
DAVE EVANS
JESSICA MARTIN
ANDREW O'CONNOR

More madcap impressions
with Bobby Davro and the
team. Tonight Moira Stewart
and Moira Anderson team up
as 'The Two Moiras', Charles
Aznavour suffers from
deflation, and Shirley Bassey

has a close encounter.
Writers are Russel Lane and
Andrew O'Connor.

DESIGNER PIP GARDNER
ASSOCIATE PRODUCER
RUSSEL LANE
PRODUCER DAVID BELL
DIRECTOR VIC FINCH
LWT Production

6.45 to 7.45 3-2-1

TED ROGERS
NORMAN COLLIER
LYNSEY DE PAUL
CHRIS EMMETT
ARTHUR ENGLISH
A J HARVEY
JOHN INMAN
VICTOR SPINETTI
Nigel Lythgoe Dancers
Lynda Lee Lewis
Caroline Munro

SINBAD THE SAILOR

It's Christmas and that means
pantomime in this very
different, special edition of
3-2-1. Flying carpets, dancing
skeletons and a star-studded
cast bring you the story of
Sinbad as never before.
Three couples, who will be
spending their Christmas
holiday working, will be
hoping for a sizeable
Christmas box from the quiz
and spectacular prizes. Last in
the present series. Writers
are Chris Emmett, Graham
Ripley and John Bartlett with
additional material by Eric
Davidson and Wally Malston.
Questions are set by Deborah
Sutherland. Music director is
Robert Hartley.

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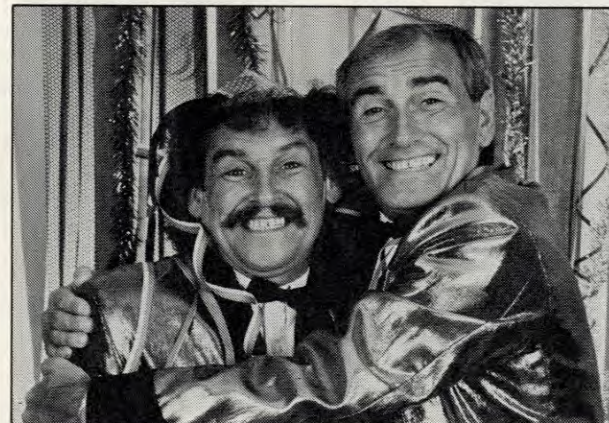
RESEARCH LIZZIE HARRIS
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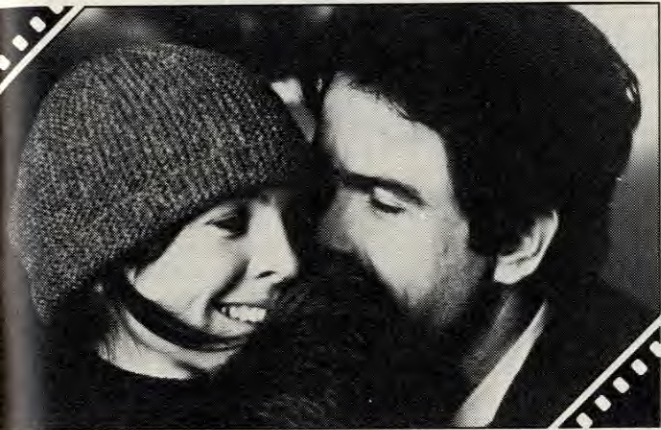
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Gift-wrapped in streamers and tinsel, Tommy (right)
and Bobby are 'Christmas Cannon & Ball' at 7.45.



Louise (Diane Keaton) and John (Warren Beatty) revive love while working in Revolutionary Russia. 'Reds', 9.00.

7.45pm Christmas Cannon & Ball

TOMMY CANNON

BOBBY BALL

RUTH MADOC

PAUL NICHOLAS

Children from the

Pestalozzi Village

Natasha Bonnici

Johnny Cashman

Terina Holloway

Brian Rogers' Dancers

Laurie Holloway and his

Orchestra

Tommy Cannon and Bobby

Ball star in their own

Christmas Special. The duo

dance their way through a

hoe-down with hilarious

results, join Paul Nicholas in a

rock 'n' roll medley and enrol

guest Ruth Madoc in the

Thomas Cannon Repertory

Company. Children from the

Pestalozzi Village from Sussex

join Cannon and Ball for the

carol Silent Night. Writer Sid

Green.

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DESIGNER ALISON HUMPHRIES

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER SID GREEN

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER

MARCUS PLANTIN

LWT Production

8.45 ITN News and Sport

9.00 Movie Premiere

WARREN BEATTY

DIANE KEATON

JACK NICHOLSON

MAUREEN STAPLETON

GENE HACKMAN

REDS

FILM

An epic film about

the love story of

renowned

journalist and radical John

Reed and an aspiring writer,

Louise Bryant, set against the

turmoil of America in 1915.

Intrigued by John's offer to

join the artistic and political

radicals of New York's

Greenwich Village, Louise

leaves her husband to go and

live with him. Surrounded by

many famous intellectuals,

Louise has an affair with

playwright Eugene O'Neill

while John is away. This prompts John to marry her, but soon after America's entry into the War, Louise flees to France to try to establish her independence. However, John follows her and together they cover the biggest story of all — the Workers' Revolution in Russia...

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John Reed Warren Beatty

Louise Bryant Diane Keaton

Max Eastman Edward Herrman

Grigory Zinoviev Jerzy Kosinski

Eugene O'Neill Jack Nicholson

Emma Goldman Maureen Stapleton

Pete Van Wherry Gene Hackman

Louis Fraima Paul Sorvino

Paul Trullinger Nicolas Coster

Speaker at Liberal Club M Emmet Walsh

Mr Partlow Ian Wolfe

Mrs Partlow Bessie Love

Carl Walters MacIntyre Dixon

Helen Walters Pat Starr

Mrs Reed Eleanor D Wilson

Floyd Dell Max Wright

Horace Whigman George Plimpton

Maurice Becker Harry Ditson

Ida Rauh Leigh Curran

Crystal Eastman Kathryn Grody

Marjorie Jones Brenda Currin

Jane Heap Nancy Duquid

Barney Norman Chancer

Big Bill Haywood Dolph Sweet

Police chief Ramon Bieri

Pinkerton guard Jack O'Leary

Julius Gerber William Daniels

Allan Benson Dave King

Joe Volski Joseph Buloff

MacAlpine Shane Rimmer

Henry Miller

Adela Rogers St John

Rebecca West

Will Durant

Oleg Kerensky

George Jessel

SCREENPLAY WARREN BEATTY,

TREVOR GRIFFITHS

DIRECTOR WARREN BEATTY

12.30am Closedown

Viewers in the Central region who

can receive alternative pro-

grammes from adjoining inde-

pendent Television areas will find that

transmissions alter as follows:

TVS 1.20 to 2.15 Knight Rider.

GRANADA 4.15 to 4.45 Diffrent

Strokes; 12.35 to 1.00am Cher at Caesar's

Palace.

HTV 4.15 to 4.45 Happy Days.

LWT 4.15 to 4.45 Benson.



5.05pm Brookside

Pat and Terry find their van sabotaged. Karen finds she is the victim of a practical joke. Sinbad has a tempting offer. Harry sharpens his carving knife and Damon sharpens his wits. There's turkey trouble in the close and it's quiz time at the Grants.

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6.00 The Puppet Man

BY DAVID FURNHAM

ROY HUDD

SHAUN CURRY

BILLY DAINTY

ALAN TILVERN

5: SURVIVING THE

20TH CENTURY

Continuing the story of travelling puppeteer and author Walter Wilkinson around the West Country. In this episode, camping among pigs, then on to Bideford to perform before a difficult audience. When he gets to Saunton, Walter finds the magic has gone. So on to Braunton fête, performing next to the Prettiest Girl in the World. Puppets made by John Wright and animated by Ronnie Le Drew.

Walter Roy Hudd

Old lady with a basket Jo Scott Matthews

Housewife Flip Webster

Bideford officials Charles Pemberton

Street conjuror Ian Adair

Fiddle player Tony Carpenter

Busker Joe Turner

Man in the road Stephen Tomlin

Drunk Christopher Guinee

Roundaboutman Shaun Curry

Farmer Herneman Alan Tilvern

Car salesman Danny Schiller

Rupert Paul Wilce

Giles Simon Williamson

Beach intellectual Hayward Morse

Photo while you wait

Donkey man Anthony Pedley

Ice-cream man Michael Balfour

Red Hot Billy Dainty

Woman organiser Marty Swift

Doll stall lady Jeanne Watts

Prettiest Girl showman Sharon Rose

Walter McMonagle

Helena Hague

Jane Gambier

Giggly girls South Molton Band

Braunton Village Band

CAMERA DIXIE DEAN

DIRECTOR DAVID FURNHAM

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

PAUL MADDEN

David Furnham Productions

6.40 World of Animation

Richard Evans presents

animated films from around

the world.

7.00 News Summary and Weather

followed by

7 Days

ROBERT KEE

Ann Loades

Robert Kee and Ann Loades present the programme that looks at moral issues behind the events of the week.

DIRECTORS IAN MACFARLANE,

IRENE COCKROFT

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

CHRIS JELLEY

SERIES EDITOR BARBARA TWIGG

Yorkshire Television Production

7.30 The Planets

HEATHER COUPER

ARE WE ALONE?

In the last of the series, writer/presenter Heather Couper and Jeremy Cherfas consider what life on another planet could possibly be like and ponder questions posed by the world's top planetary scientists.

CAMERA ROGER PRATT

EDITOR SIMON ROSE

PRODUCER AVIE LITTLER

DIRECTOR PAUL FISHER

Moving Picture Company Production

8.00 Beats of the Heart

SUKIYAKI AND CHIPS

Japanese Sounds of Music

Japanese music, like the society it reflects, is a bizarre mixture of old and new, from Zen to techno-rock. Jeremy Marre discovers the music halls and bars where businessmen become stars for a night, and the pervasive teeny-pop culture that manufactures idols like comflakes.

FILM EDITOR ROLAND ARMSTRONG

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER

JEREMY MARRE

Harcourt Films Production

9.00 Upstairs, Downstairs

WHITHER SHALL I

WANDER

BY JOHN HAWKESWORTH

When Georgina marries and Richard faces retirement from public life, the servants at Eaton Place realise they are nearing the end of an era. Last of the series.

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Previously shown on ITV

Daisy Jacqueline Tong

Georgina Worsley

Lesley-Anne Down

Sir Geoffrey Dillon

Raymond Huntley

Virginia Bellamy Hannah Gordon

Richard Bellamy David Langton

Hudson Gordon Jackson

Ruby Jenny Tomasin

Rose Jean Marsh

Edward Christopher Beeny

Mrs Bridges Angela Baddeley

Marquis of Stockbridge

Anthony Andrews

Lady Prudence Fairfax

Joan Benham

Duchess of Buckminster

Ursula Howells

Alice Hamilton Anne Yarker

STORY EDITOR

ALFRED SHAUGHNESSY

DIRECTOR BILL BAIN

PRODUCER JOHN HAWKESWORTH

LWT Production

10.00 Hill Street Blues

DANIEL J TRAVANTI

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO FREEDOM

In the wake of a massacre at a local bar, Furillo orders a mandatory conference of gang warlords.

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Capt Furillo Daniel J Travanti

Joyce Davenport Veronica Hamel

Sgt Esterhaus Michael Conrad

Lt Hunter James B Sicking

Det LaRue Kiel Martin

Lucy Bates Betty Thomas

Officer Coffey Ed Marinaro

11.00 'Who Dares Wins...'

JULIA HILLS

RORY McGRATH

JIMMY MULVILLE

PHILIP POPE

TONY ROBINSON

The team celebrates Yuletide with a Herod's eye view of Christmas and melts down Chas and Dave records. Last of the series.

WRITERS COLIN BOSTOCK-SMITH,

ANDY HAMILTON, GUY JENKIN,

RORY McGRATH, JIMMY MULVILLE,

TONY SARCHET

PRODUCERS ANDY HAMILTON,

DENISE O'DONOGHUE

DIRECTOR JOHN STROUD

Who Dares Wins Production

11.45 Tennis

THE DAVIS CUP FINAL

The historic international team competition pits Mats Wilander's young Swedish

team against Boris Becker's

West Germans in front of a

capacity crowd in Munich's

indoor Olympic Stadium.

Commentators are Simon

Reed and David Lloyd.

PRODUCER DEREK BLANDON

Cheerleader Production

12.45 O'Malley

MICKEY ROONEY

Hollywood veteran Mickey Rooney stars as Mike O'Malley, a California private eye who has returned to New York, where he once worked in the police force. O'Malley is the last of a dying breed — the flamboyant, cigar-chewing, fast-talking, old-style big-town private eye.

Mike O'Malley Mickey Rooney

Guy Peter Coffield

Denny Sarah Abrell

Amanda Anne Francis

Carl Jeff DeMunn

Mr Davis Richard Clarke

Public defender Mark Linn-Baker

1.40am Close



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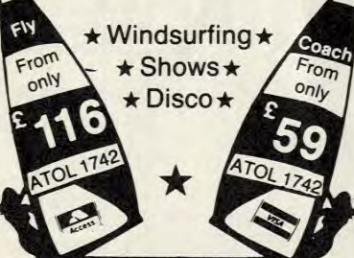
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6.55 TV-am: Good Morning Britain

6.55 Carols from the Wandsworth School Choir

7.00 CARE BEARS

7.25 ARE YOU AWAKE YET?

JULIE BROWN
SALLY DEWHURST
PETER GOSLING

Join in all the fun with Terry and the gang.

7.50 What's News

Presented by Charles Golding and Tina Baker with news from the pop world, the film world and the wide world.

PRODUCER NICK WILSON
TV-am Production

8.27 News Headlines read by Jayne Irving

8.30 THE SUNDAY PROGRAMME

David Frost introduces a review of the papers followed by David Frost and Guests.

9.25 How the Kiwi Lost its Wings

A folk tale from New Zealand.

9.35 The Merrie Melodies Show

Cartoon capers with Daffy Duck in *Daffy's Inn Trouble* and a double dose of Speedy and Sylvester in *Mexican Cat Dance* and *The Pied Piper of Guadalupe*.

10.00 Morning Worship

from St Germain's Church, Portland Road, Birmingham
The Rev Alan Roberts leads this family service with carols. Canon Tom Walker preaches the sermon. Organists are David Dunnett and Richard Smith. Music director is Connie Sharp.

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER
TONY PARKER
Central Production

11.00 Link

ROSALIE WILKINS
KEVIN MULHERN

In 1985 Link celebrated its 10th year and more than 200 programmes. Today, Rosalie

Wilkins and Kevin Mulhern look back at the major issues faced this year by disabled people — unemployment, discrimination, poverty — and introduce some of the people who will contribute to the programme in 1986. They include Dame Mary Warnock talking on embryo research; Thuy, a blind Vietnamese boy with an extraordinary story to tell; Helena Wilkinson, on conquering anorexia nervosa; and Len Martin, facing life on supplementary benefits.

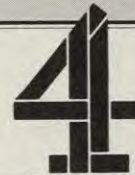
DIRECTOR KETH FARTHING
PRODUCER PATRICIA INGRAM
Central Production

11.30 to 12.00 The Questors

A CODE IN THE NOSE

Smell, it seems, arrived with the evolution of sex. There are butterflies where male can attract female from three miles away; there are eagles able to find leaks in gas pipes. But can humans be influenced by scents they don't even know they are smelling? The Questors sniffs about to find out.

RESEARCH POLLY BIDE, JUD COOPER
DIRECTORS CAROL WILKES,
ALAN MURGATROYD
PRODUCER BRIAN TRUEMAN
Granada Television Production



1.05pm Irish Angle — Hands

JOHN SINLIS,
CHAIRMAKER

Award-winning craftsman John Sinlis is a cooper and continues the family business making magnificent wooden panels and fine Letrim chairs using the minimum of tools.

PRODUCER/DIRECTOR
DAVID SHAW-SMITH
RTE Production

1.30 Cartoon Carnival

Cartoon fun presented by Ray Alan and Ali Cat.

2.00 Tennis

THE DAVIS CUP FINAL

Live coverage of the fourth rubber of the Davis Cup Final, with a further report tonight if the fifth rubber

proves to be decisive. Commentators Simon Reed, David Lloyd. The WCT doubles are on Channel Four in January.

PRODUCER DEREK BRANDON
Cheerleader Production

5.15 World of Animation

Animated international films, presented by Richard Evans.

5.30 Altarpieces AS HIS SKILLS PERMIT

The first in a trilogy of programmes about famous altarpieces. Michael Pacher's creation of 1480 is in the church of St Wolfgang am Wolfgangsee in Austria and combines the most exquisite architecture, wood carvings and paintings. The second programme is on Channel Four tomorrow at 6.00.

PRODUCER/DIRECTOR
ERIK FROHN NIELSEN
RM Productions

In the event of Tennis coverage overrunning, *World of Animation* will be postponed and *Altarpieces* shown tomorrow afternoon at 2.00.

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12.00 Weekend World

BRIAN WALDEN

The current affairs programme that investigates the facts behind the headlines. Brian Walden heads an expert team of journalists, analysing the issues and interviewing the people who make the news. DIRECTORS NICHOLAS METCALFE, JOHN OVEN, JOHANNA POOL PRODUCERS DAVID AARONOVITCH, BRUCE ANDERSON, HARRY DEAN, KAREN THAPAR DEPUTY EDITOR PAUL NEUBURG EDITOR HUGH PILE LWT Production

1.00 Athletics

HFC International Cross Country

from Alexandra Palace, London

Teams representing the four home nations plus guest teams from the United States and Ireland face the exacting demands of top-class cross country racing in this event organised by the International Athletics Club. Live coverage of the women's competition over 5000 metres and the men's (8000m). In both events the first three runners home from each team score points. Among the leading athletes competing are David Lewis, Alberto Cova, Christophe Herle, Nick Rose and Nat Muir. Commentators are Alan Parry and Peter Matthews. EDITOR RICHARD WORTH PRODUCER RICHARD RUSSELL DIRECTOR JOHN DAVIS Independent Television Sport Production

2.00 The Story of the Carol

BENJAMIN LUXON CANTABILE SHEILA AMIT MARTIN CARTHY LORELEI LYNN PHILIP ASTLE PAUL WILLIAMSON RAT PATE THEATRE

Carol singing is one of the great Christmas traditions. But what do we know about the carols we sing every year? Benjamin Luxon, with Cantabile, Sheila Amit, Martin Carthy, Lorelei Lynn, Philip Astle and Paul Williamson, tells the story of the carol from its origins as a medieval street dance, through its popularity in Tudor times and its condemnation by the Puritans, to its ultimate revival by the Victorians. Writer is

John Bartlett, music arranged by Ed Welch. RESEARCH MARGARET BAILEY DESIGNER GORDON TOMS DIRECTOR/PRODUCER JOHN BARTLETT TSW Production

3.00 The Weekend Matinee

KENNETH WILLIAMS SIDNEY JAMES CHARLES HAWTREY BARBARA WINDSOR JIM DALE JOAN SIMS

CARRY ON AGAIN DOCTOR

FILM Eminent surgeon Frederick Carver is anxious to set up his own exclusive clinic with the backing of wealthy Ellen Moore. When Ellen demands a doctor for the medical mission she maintains in the Beatific Islands, Carver sends Dr Nookey, a born blunderer who has brought chaos to the wards.

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Carver	Kenneth Williams
Gladstone	Sidney James
Stoppidge	Charles Hawtre
Nookey	Jim Dale
Goldie	Barbara Windsor
Ellen Moore	Joan Sims
Matron	Hattie Jacques
Mr Pullen	Wilfred Brambell
Miss Fosdick	Patsy Rowlands
Scrubba	Shakira Baksh
Patient	Peter Butterworth
Miss Armitage	Ann Lancaster

SCREENPLAY TALBOT ROTHWELL DIRECTOR GERALD THOMAS

4.30 Golden Pennies

BY GRAEME FARMER

CAROL DRINKWATER BRYAN MARSHALL

Series set in Australia in the 19th century. Lucy is taken ill with a fever. Lin Ping, Bojinda, Doc Slope and Rebecca combine in an attempt to save her life.

Rebecca Greenwood	Carol Drinkwater
Luke Greenwood	Bryan Marshall
Jack Greenwood	Tibi Kaman
Lucy Greenwood	Michaela Abay
Lovejoy	Gerard Kennedy
Doc Slope	Frank Wilson
Cleopatre	Cindy Unkauf
Sean	Jason Donovan
Lin Ping	Lawrence Mah
Bojinda	Alan Dargin
Danks	Damon Sanders
Ernest	Jay Mannering
Bones	William Upjohn
Collins	Robin Harrison

EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS LEWIS RUDD, MICHEL NOLL, CHRISTOPHER MUIR DIRECTOR/PRODUCER OSCAR WHITBREAD Central Production

5.00 Bullseye

JIM BOWEN Tony Green Jocky Wilson

Start your Christmas week with a bit of Bully as Jim Bowen hosts the popular darts and quiz game. For the contestants with the right aim and answers there's a trip to a

festive Bully Board and the chance to gamble for a super star prize. Jocky Wilson tries his skill at Bully's charity challenge with Tony Green on hand to ensure that it all adds up to a nailbiting finish. Script associate is Howard Imber. Produced in association with Chatsworth Television.

CONTESTANT RESEARCH MICKEY BRENNAN DESIGNER SU CHASES DIRECTOR/PRODUCER BOB COUSINS Central Production

5.30 Albion Market

Emotions run high and the festive spirit is rampant on Albion. A doubt hangs over Geoff and Eileen and it looks as if Peggy has rumpled Oliver.

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Phil Smith	Burt Caesar
Colette Johnson	Nimmy March
Carol Broadbent	Barbara Wilshire
Keith Naylor	Derek Hicks
Geoff Travis	Geoffrey Leesley
Tony Fraser	John Michie
Lisa O'Shea	Sally Baxter
Lynne Harrison	Noreen Kershaw
Larry Rigg	Peter Benson
Brenda Rigg	Valerie Lilley
Derek Owen	David Hargreaves
Morris Ransome	Bernard Spear
Lam Quoc Hoa	Philip Tan
Oliver Shawcross	Malcolm Hebden

Raju Sharma	Dev Sagoo
Peggy Sagar	Paula Jacobs
Jaz Sharma	Paul Bhattacharjee
Eileen Travis	Barbara Peirson
Jack Salter	Mervyn Stutter
Louise Todd	Kelly Lawrence
Liy Nhu Chan	Pik-sen Lim
Miriam Ransome	Carol Kaye
Roy Harrison	Jonathan Barlow
Neville	Ray Ashcroft
Kipper	David J Nicholls
Old man	Tom Harrison
Jenny	Rebecca Flaherty
Gregory	Duane Mills

WRITER STEPHEN LOWE SCRIPT EDITOR TIM THOMAS DESIGNER DENIS PARKIN EXECUTIVE PRODUCER BILL PODMORE DIRECTOR JONATHAN WRIGHT MILLER PRODUCER GARETH JONES Granada Television Production

6.00 ITN News

6.10 Highway Christmas Special

HARRY SECOMBE

For their Christmas Special this year Highway takes part in a thrilling, heartwarming adventure that takes them thousands of miles away to a surprise destination. Among others you will be meeting are Roy Castle, Bernard Cribbins, Dana, Rolf Harris, Lindisfarne, Father Andrew McMahon and The Metropolitan Cathedral Choir, Cardiff.

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER BILL WARD PROGRAMME ASSOCIATE RONNIE CASS PRODUCER BOB EVANS Channel Television Production

7.15 Child's Play

MICHAEL ASPEL JANET BROWN ROY CASTLE BOBBY DAVRO SANDRA DICKINSON

A special all-star Christmas edition in which Roy Castle, Janet Brown, Bobby Davro and Sandra Dickinson try to win prizes for children's charities. You might not easily guess what the children are describing, but you just can't stop them talking about their favourite time of the year.

SERIES PRODUCER BRIAN WESLEY ASSOCIATE PRODUCER DAVE MORLEY DIRECTOR JOHN GORMAN PRODUCER RICHARD HEARSEY LWT Production

7.55 Me & My Girl

RICHARD O'SULLIVAN Joan Sanderson

NOTHING LIKE A QUIET SUNDAY

BY JOHN KANE Comedy series about widower Simon Harrap trying to bring up his teenage daughter Samantha. It's hard enough for Simon to have a quiet Sunday, especially when he has an overnight guest from Saturday. It gets worse when the guest tells Samantha that she and Simon are engaged — and things can hardly improve after Simon's mother-in-law Nell invites the fiancée's parents around. Another episode on Friday.

Simon Harrap Richard O'Sullivan Jennifer Whitsun-Burnish

Samantha Harrap	Tamara Steele
Nell Cresset	Joanne Ridley
Stu	Joan Sanderson
Liz	Alan Halley
Cornflakes	Joanne Campbell
Blonde	Sean Blowers
Domestic Bleach	Jenny Logan
Winifred Whitsun-Burnish	John Halstead
	Harriet Reynolds

Ernest Whitsun-Burnish

Jerry	Jeremy Child
	Julian Wadham

DESIGNER ANDREW GARDNER SCRIPT EDITOR BERNARD MCKENNA DIRECTOR/PRODUCER MALCOLM TAYLOR LWT Production

Programmes as Central except:

TVS 9.25 to 9.35 Action Line; 3.00 to 4.25 Film — **Big Rose**. Shelley Winters as detective investigating an extortion plot. **GRANADA** 9.25 to 9.35 Cartoon; 11.00 Questions; 11.25 Aap Kaa Hak; 11.30 to 12.00 This is Your Right; 3.00 Film — **In Tandem**. Drama on wheels with Claude Atkins and Frank Converse as two truckers; 4.25 to 4.30 Cartoon.

YORKSHIRE 9.25 to 10.00 Link; 11.00 The Questions; 11.30 to 12.00 The Merrie Melodies Show; 3.00 to 4.30 Film — **Cactus Jack**. Kirk Douglas as incompetent outlaw.

HTV 9.25 to 9.35 Cartoon; 3.00 Hotel; 4.00 to 4.30 A For Agnetha.

HTV (Wales) as general service except: 3.00 to 4.00 Club Rugby.

LWT 9.25 to 9.35 Wake Up London; 3.00 Police 5; 3.15 Smurfs; 3.30 Bullseye; 4.00 Golden Pennies; 4.30 to 5.30 Sunday Sunday; 12.30 to 1.25am Neil Sedaka.

ANGLIA 9.25 to 9.35 From Grape To Glass; 3.00 Simon and Simon; 4.00 to 4.30 Puff Bluffs.

8.20 Surprise, Surprise!

CILLA BLACK BOB CAROLGEES

Festive fun and frolics abound in a special Christmas edition of this family entertainment show in which the unexpected is always just around the corner. Who knows what Santa Cilla's going to put into someone's stocking and what will her new little elf Bob Carolgees get up to?

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER MARCUS PLANTIN DIRECTORS VIC FINCH, JOHN GORMAN, TOM POOLE PRODUCER BRIAN WESLEY LWT Production

9.20 ITN News

9.35 The Death of the Heart

BY ELIZABETH BOWEN ADAPTED BY DEREK MAHON

PATRICIA HODGE ROBERT HARDY NIGEL HAVERS PHYLLIS CALVERT with WENDY HILLER and MIRANDA RICHARDSON JONATHAN HYDE DANIEL CHATTO JOJO COLE

Orphaned at 16, Portia is entrusted to her stepbrother Thomas Quayne and his wife Anna for one year. After a nomadic childhood in Europe, she enters the remote world of the Quayne's in their elegant Regent's Park home. Here she meets Eddie, an attractive young philanderer, and falls helplessly in love. It is left to Matchett, the faithful family retainer, to help her mend a broken heart. Music composed by Geoffrey Burgen.

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Anna Quayne	Patricia Hodge
St Quentin Miller	Jonathan Hyde
Matchett	Wendy Hiller
Portia	Jojo Cole
Thomas Quayne	Nigel Havers
Major Brutt	Robert Hardy
Lilian	Samantha Gates
Miss Paullie	Damaris Hayman
Eddie	Daniel Chatto
Phyllis	Meryl Hampton
Mrs Heccomb	Phyllis Calvert
Doris	Sophie Thompson
Daphne Heccomb	Miranda Richardson

Dickie Heccomb	Patrick Pearson
Cecil	Mark Elliott
Bursely	Michael Troughton
Evelyn	Ilse Rowe
Clara	Alice Douglas
Wallace	Paul Wilce
Waitress	Judith Davis
Taxi driver	Anthony Schaeffer

CAMERA RAY GOODE DESIGNER PETER PHILLIPS DIRECTOR PETER HAMMOND PRODUCER JUNE WYNDHAM-DAVIES Granada Television Production

12.25am Closedown

9.15 Christopher Gilbert plays one of the Three Kings bearing gifts for Jesus in 'The Mysteries: The Nativity'. Channel Four.

9.35 Cool — inside and out — Anna needs to be thawed. Patricia Hodge in 'The Death of the Heart' on ITV.



8.20 Cilla Black brings a special seasonal sparkle to the show, making it even more of a 'Surprise, Surprise!'. See on ITV.



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6.00pm American Football

NICKY HORNE
JOHN SMITH

The penultimate week of the regular season is dominated by games that so often prove the most exciting — between teams of the same division. New York Giants at Dallas, Seattle at the LA Raiders and New England at Miami are the pick of the bunch. Nicky Horne in London and John Smith in America present the best of the action.

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER
MIKE WILMOT
PRODUCER GARY FRANCES
Cheerleader Production

7.15 News Summary and Weather

followed by

Baryshnikov on Broadway

MIKHAIL BARYSHNIKOV
LIZA MINNELLI

The great Russian ballet star Mikhail (Misha) Baryshnikov has always been fascinated by the Broadway depicted in Hollywood films. This American variety special unites Moscow with M-G-M in

Manhattan, as Baryshnikov steps out with special guest Liza Minnelli. Liza spirits Misha away from Giselle and The Nutcracker into full-scale showstoppers from the Broadway greats — A Chorus Line, The King and I, Kiss Me Kate, Oklahoma and many others.

DIRECTOR DWIGHT HEMION
PRODUCERS GARY SMITH,
DWIGHT HEMION
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
HERMAN KRAWITZ
Jodav Productions

8.15 The Jewel in the Crown

BASED ON THE RAJ QUARTET
BY PAUL SCOTT
ADAPTED BY KEN TAYLOR
TIM PIGOTT-SMITH
CHARLES DANCE
GERALDINE JAMES
WENDY MORGAN
PETER JEFFREY
NICHOLAS LE PREVOST
ROSEMARY LEACH
ERIC PORTER

Episode 14 THE DIVISION OF THE SPOILS

As India moves towards independence, the final strands of this drama are unravelled in this last episode. Guy Perron, shocked by the discovery that Merrick was murdered, is relieved to learn of Hari Kumar's innocence. However, there are still mysteries to solve and a final journey to be made through a country torn by dissension. As the Raj departs, old scores are settled. Music by George Fenton.

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Sarah Layton Geraldine James
Ahmed Kasim Derrick Branche
Count Bronowsky Eric Porter
Guy Perron Charles Dance
Ronald Merrick Tim Pigott-Smith
Khansamar John Emmanuel
Aziz Kumal Grewal
Nigel Rowan Nicholas le Prevost
Susan Wendy Morgan
Aunt Fenny Rosemary Leach
Minnie Shreela Ghosh
Edward

Jonathan and Nicholas Haley
Mrs Peabody Patricia Heneghan
Mr Peabody Peter Jeffrey
Assassin Mellan Mitchell
RTO Gurdial Sira
English captain Robert Cheer
Second officer Nigel Nevinson
Woman in waiting room Annette Peters

Man in waiting room John Samuels
Maj Blake Martyn Read
Boy in Ranpur Abdur Carim
Neighbour Bert Thomas
Hari Kumar Art Malik

FILM EDITOR EDWARD MANSELL
LIGHTING CAMERA RAY GOODE
DESIGNER VIC SYMONDS
DIRECTOR JIM O'BRIEN
PRODUCER
CHRISTOPHER MORAHAN
Granada Television Production

9.15 The Mysteries: The Nativity

ADAPTED BY TONY HARRISON
FROM THE MEDIEVAL ENGLISH
MYSTERY PLAYS

The Nativity is the first play in The Mysteries cycle and tells of the creation of the world and mankind. Starting with Adam and Eve, it includes the stories of Cane and Abel, Noah's Ark and Abraham and Isaac, and finishes with the birth of Jesus. Bill Bryden's acclaimed National Theatre production was recorded for television at the Cottesloe Theatre before it transferred to London's West End. With Brenda Blethyn, David Busby, Jim Carter, Edna Dore, Christopher Gilbert, Brian Glover, Howard Goorney, James Grant, Dave Hill, Karl Johnson, Phil Langham, Eve Matheson, Derek Newark, Robert Oates, Stephen Petcher, Trevor Ray, Jack Shepherd, Dinah Stabb, Robert Stephens, John Tams, Anthony Trent, Don Warrington. Music by The Home Service. For an illustrated booklet, send £1.50 to address 1, page 75.

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER
JOE McDONALD
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
AL BURGESS
PRODUCERS/DIRECTORS
BILL BRYDEN, DEREK BAILEY
Limehouse Productions

11.40 The Twilight Zone

Two tales from the American TV series of the Sixties.

A HUNDRED YARDS OVER THE RIM

Christian Horn (Cliff Robertson) is crossing tough terrain in New Mexico in 1847, his son is sick and he is seeking help. Suddenly he finds a modern highway, evidence of his journey into 'The Twilight Zone'.

followed by

NIGHTMARE AT 20,000 FEET

Bob Wilson (William Shatner) has suffered a nervous breakdown while flying. After a spell in hospital, he tests himself by going in a plane again. To his horror, he sees a grotesque figure walking along the wing...

Made in black and white

12.35am Close

7.15 Showbusiness and ballet combine as Liza Minnelli and 'Baryshnikov on Broadway' step out. Watch Channel Four.



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Central

6.15 TV-am: Good Morning Britain

ANNE DIAMOND
NICK OWEN

News with Gordon

Honeycombe 6.15, 6.30, 7.00,
7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00.

Weather with Wincey Willis
6.28, 6.58, 7.28, 7.58, 8.28, 8.58.

Sport: Richard Keys 6.35, 7.34.

Lizzie Webb 6.20.

News Topics 6.45, 7.07, 7.45,
8.13, 8.45.

Pop Video: Julie Brown 7.55.

Monday Specials: Animal

Watch with Wincey Willis. The
do's and don'ts of giving pets as
Christmas gifts. 8.17. **TV**

Highlights with Jimmy
Greaves 8.34. **Cooking for**

Christmas with Patrick Anthony.

Wacaday 9.04 With Timmy
Mallett and Terry from Are You
Awake Yet? Transformers, pop
videos, Terry's Christmas gallery
and your chance to tell us a
Christmas Cracker.

9.25

Fraggle Rock

CAPTURE THE MOON

Gobo, Mokey and Wembley
Fraggle set out to capture the
moon, that wonderful shining
object that floats in the
Fraggle Pool once a month. In
Outer Space Travelling Matt
visits a teashop and watches
the Silly Creatures using lip
baths. Fulton Mackay is the
Captain.

EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS
ANNA HOME, JIM HENSON
PRODUCERS DUNCAN KENWORTHY,
LAWRENCE S MIRKIN
DIRECTORS NICK ABSON,
DOUG WILLIAMS
TVS Production

9.50 Doris

SANTA CLAWS

Do you believe in Santa
Claws? Marion does, Doris
doesn't.

9.55

The Christmas Tree Train

Animated fun with Buttons, a
young bear, and Rusty, a
young fox, who live in a
forest. Every year the
Christmas Tree Train arrives:
the lumberjacks cut the trees
which are packed into the
train and taken to the city.
Buttons and Rusty find
themselves locked into the
train and on their way to the
city...



The taste of things to come. Patrick Anthony is already
'Cooking for Christmas', so pick up some topical tips: 'TV-am'.

10.20

Morning Cinema

PAUL SMITH

THE FIRE IN THE STONE

A film set in the
Coober Pedy, far
in the Australian
outback, in the red heart of
the opal fields where families
live underground like moles
and miners defy death as they
work with gelignite to reveal
the flash of coloured stone
that is the fire they all seek.
Young Ernie lives in Coober
Pedy and dreams of reuniting
his separated parents.

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Ernie Paul Smith
Sophie Linda Hartley
Robbie Alan Cassell
Nick Theo Pertsinidis
Willie Andrew Gaston
Dosh Ray Meagher
SCREENPLAY GRAEME KOESTVELD,
FROM THE NOVEL BY COLIN THIELE
DIRECTOR GARY CONWAY

12.00 Tickle on the Tum

RALPH McTELL
Danusia Harwood
and JOAN SIMS

CONNIE TELLS THE TIME

BY CHRIS EUSTON

There was a song called If
You Want to Know the Time,
Ask a Policeman. But when
Connie Caper's on duty, it's
quicker to tell the time by the
Town Hall clock. Research by
Gayle Broughall, graphics by
Valerie Pye.

DESIGNER NICK KING
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
STEPHEN LEAHY
PRODUCER DIANA BRAMWELL
DIRECTOR PATRICIA PEARSON
Granada Television Production

12.10

Let's Pretend

THE POSTMAN WHO WANTED SOME POST

Mrs Hoyty Toytty receives lots
of letters every day. Bonko
the clown gets letters and
cards from his fans.
Pretenders are Aidan
Hamilton, John McAndrew,

Alexa Povah. Writer is Gail
Renard.

DEVISER/PRODUCER

MICHAEL JEANS

Central Production

12.30 Parents and Teenagers WHEN TROUBLE COMES

A mixture of real-life case
studies and dramatised
sketches, written by Steve
Wetton. You think you've got
a good circle of friends till
trouble comes and there's no
worse trouble than trouble
with teenagers. Advisers:
Anthony Lawton and Steve
Bolger.

Jack Morgan Ben Roberts
Brenda Morgan Gerri Collins
Mark Chris Gascoyne
Helen Hayley Rodgers
Craig Jason Curtis
Grandma Kitty Scopes
RESEARCH VIKKI WORTHINGTON
DIRECTOR ERIC MIVAL
PRODUCER GRAHAM SELLORS
Central Production

1.00 News at One

LEONARD PARKIN

Leonard Parkin reports. Plus
weather forecast.

PROGRAMME EDITOR

DAVID MANNION

ITN Production

1.20 to 1.30 Central News

All programmes are in colour
unless otherwise stated

Programmes as Central except:

TVS 4.45 Sons and Daughters; 5.12 to
5.45 Horses for Courses; 6.00 Coast to
Coast; 6.35 to 7.00 Crossroads.

GRANADA 4.45 to 5.45 Joy to the
World; 6.00 Granada Reports; 6.35 to 7.00
Crossroads; 12.10 to 12.35 Midnight
Legends.

YORKSHIRE 6.00 Calendar; 6.35 to
7.00 Crossroads.

HTV 4.45 to 5.45 Chips; 6.35 to 7.00
Crossroads.

HTV (Wales) as general service
except: 6.00 to 6.35 Wales at Six.

THAMES 4.45 to 5.45 Street Hawk; 6.00
Thames News; 6.35 to 7.00 Crossroads.

ANGLIA 4.45 to 5.45 The A-Team; 6.00
About Anglia; 6.35 to 7.00 Crossroads.



Central

1.30 Central Cinema

MICHAEL YORK
SARAH MILES
JAMES MASON

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

FILM 1830: Pip, an orphan boy living with his sister and her blacksmith husband in a village near wild, marshy country, stumbles across an escaped convict, Magwitch, and, under threat, steals food for him.

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Pip Michael York
Estella Sarah Miles
Magwitch James Mason
Miss Havisham Margaret Leighton
Uncle Pumblechook Robert Morley

Jagers Anthony Quayle
Joe Gargery Joss Ackland
Biddy Heather Sears
Herbert Pocket Andrew Ray
Mrs Gargery Rachel Roberts
Young Pip Simon Gipps-Kent
Bentley Drummie James Faulkner
Wemmick Peter Bull
Mr Wopsle John Clive
Scarred convict Sam Kydd

SCREENPLAY SHERMAN YELLEN,
FROM THE NOVEL BY
CHARLES DICKENS
DIRECTOR JOSEPH HARDY

3.45 The Razzmatazz Christmas Special

DAVID 'KID' JENSEN
ALASTAIR PIRRIE
DEXY'S MIDNIGHT RUNNERS
FEARGAL SHARKEY
FINE YOUNG CANNIBALS
LLOYD COLE AND THE
COMMOTIONS
MADNESS
JENNIFER RUSH
PHIL LYNOTT
SLADE

Razzmatazz — ITV's top pop show returns with a Christmas cracker that goes 'pop' in a big way. All new pop and rock performances plus awards for the best-selling singles and music videos of 1985 from charts compiled by MRIB. There are video premieres of new singles for 1986 including Dire Straits, King and Sade — plus special studio guest appearances from Amazulu, Kim Wilde, Nick Heyward, Nils Lofgren, Paul Hardcastle, Roy Wood, Spandau Ballet — and more!

DESIGNER
PETER BINGEMANN
RESEARCH
BILLY MACQUEEN
SERIES EDITOR ALASTAIR PIRRIE
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER
ROYSTON MAYOH
Tyne Tees Television Production

4.45 Knight Rider JUNKYARD DOG

While trying to corner a feared industrialist who is spilling chemical waste, supercar KITT is totally destroyed and Michael must help his friend to regain strength.

Michael Knight David Hasselhoff
Devon Miles Edward Mulhare
Bonnie Patricia McPherson
Fran Heather McNair
Birock Ramon Bieri
Stiles Jim B Raymond

News at 5.45

6.00 Crossroads

There's a bomb scare at the motel. Pat has a farewell party.

This week's cast:

Pat Reddington Rosemary Smith
Anne-Marie Wade Dee Hepburn
Kath Fellowes Pamela Vezey
Diane Hunter Susan Hanson
Klaus Karamazov Nicholas Amer
Jill Chance Jane Rossington
Paul Ross Sandor Elies
Lorraine Baker Dorothy Brown
Roy Lambert Steven Pinder
Benny Paul Henry
Barry Hart Harry Nurmi
Det Ch Insp Howe Mike Lewin
Sid Hooper Stan Stennett
Mrs Powell Kate Litchfield
Clare Powell Abigail Dollyer
Nicola Freeman Gabrielle Drake
Micky Doyle Martin Smith
Mr Darby Patrick Jordan
Adam Chance Tony Adams
Joe MacDonald Carl Andrews
Daniel Freeman Philip Goodhew
Joanna Freeman Mary Lincoln
Mavis Hooper Charmian Eyre

WRITER CHARLOTTE ALEXANDER
STORIES PETER LING
SCRIPT EDITOR KATE HENDERSON
DESIGNER MARTIN DAVEY
DIRECTOR PHILL HILL
PRODUCER PHILLIP BOWMAN
Central Production

6.25 Central News

Presented by Sally Jones and



Audrey (Sue Nicholls) inspects her wedding outfit — and likes what she sees. 'Coronation Street' celebrates: 7.30.

Bob Warman in Birmingham and Andy Craig and Anna Soubry in Nottingham.

EDITORS LAURIE UPSON,
CHRIS ROBERTSON
PRODUCERS DAVID MILLARD,
STEVE TURNER
Central Production

7.00 Nature Watch

JULIAN PETTIFER

More money and tender loving care has been spent on the California condor than on any other creature on earth — yet this magnificent bird, with a wingspan of 9ft, seems determined to become extinct. Tonight's Nature Watch, the last in the present series, is a tragic scoop: the first film report on the condor to reveal that it cannot now

survive in the wild as numbers have fallen below a viable breeding population. Julian Pettifer asks Dr Noel Snyder what can be done.

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CAMERA NOEL SMART
FILM EDITOR JULIAN WARE
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER ROBIN BROWN
Central Production

7.30 Coronation Street

Alf and Audrey get married and there's music and revelry in the Rovers. But the celebrations turn sour for Ken and Deirdre Barlow.

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This week's cast:

Frank Mills Nigel Gregory
Bet Lynch Julie Goodyear
Betty Turpin Betty Driver
Gloria Todd Sue Jenkins
Alf Roberts Bryan Mosley
Audrey Potter Sue Nicholls
Brian Tilsley Christopher Quinlan
Gail Tilsley Helen Worth
Ivy Tilsley Lynne Perrie
Ken Barlow William Roache
Deirdre Barlow Anne Kirkbride
Susan Barlow Wendy Jane Walker
Hilda Ogden Jean Alexander
Mike Baldwin Johnny Briggs
Jack Duckworth William Tarmey
Vera Duckworth Elizabeth Dawn
Terry Duckworth Nigel Pivaro
Percy Sugden Bill Waddington
Emily Bishop Eileen Derbyshire
Curly Watts Kevin Kennedy
Kevin Webster Michael Le Vell
Rita Fairclough Barbara Knox
Mavis Riley Thelma Barlow
Tracy Langton Holly Chamarette
Irene Sherratt Lesley Daine
Sandra Pilkington

Maggie Ollerenshaw
Sam Tindall Tom Mennard
Phyllis Pearce Jill Summers
Taxi driver Mike Kelly
Photographer Trevor Nelson

WRITER H V KERSHAW
STORIES TOM ELLIOTT,
PAUL ABBOTT
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
BILL PODMORE
DESIGNER ERIC DEAKINS
DIRECTOR GARETH MORGAN
PRODUCER JOHN G TEMPLE
Granada Television Production

8.00 Mike Yarwood's Christmas Special

with Shirley Bassey

Mike's Christmas hamper is full of goodies. At a time of goodwill he brings together President Reagan and Mr Gorbachev — and one of his guests talks to that universal Santa Claus, Bob Geldof. Also there's a special edition of Question Time and some advice on how to behave at parties. And a more caustic look at the festive season comes from the first Noel — Coward, that is. A special cracker in the person of Shirley Bassey joins the show — and there's a somewhat unusual weather forecast. Writers are Eric Merriman and Eric Davidson, script associate is Eric Merriman. Choreography by Ken Warwick, music associate is Bobby Heath and music director Geoff Love.

DESIGNER JANE KRALL
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER
PHILIP CASSON
Thames Television Production

9.00 The Bill

DEVELOPED BY GEOFF McQUEEN

THIS LITTLE PIG

BY CHRISTOPHER RUSSELL

An oasis of sanity or a branch office of bedlam? Whatever else, Sun Hill is not a place for working overtime.

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Pc Edwards Colin Blumenau
Bus driver on bike Laurence Bowman

Pc Hollis Jeffrey Stewart
Sgt Cryer Eric Richard
Wpc Martella Nula Conwell
Pc Muswell Ralph Brown
Roger Philpot Tim Stern
Pc Carver Mark Wingett
Larry John Dair
Pc Smith Robert Hudson
Wpc Ackland Trudie Goodwin
Pc Lyttleton Ronny Cush
Det Sgt Roach Tony Scannell
Pc Talbot Jason James
Det Insp Galloway John Salthouse
Pc Shaw Chris Walker
Asian youth Tariq Alibai
Chief Supt Brownlow Peter Ellis
Mr Lowe Reg Peters
Su Cronin Fidelis Morgan

Protesters {
Barry Blades Cathy Finlay
Greg Simpson Steve Morley
Balam Roy Robert Oates
West Indian youth Chris Hunter
Mrs Dixon Tanveer Ghani
Mrs Lambert Mark Monero
Det Con Dashwood Ann Castle
Ricky Vassalo Pamela Blackwood
Trisha Vassalo Jon Iles
Trish's mum Gerard Horan
Ricky's mum Lynne Morgan
Dennis Maggie Ford
Trish's dad Robin Davies
Ricky's dad Michael Redfern
Uncle Tom Patrick Durkin
Sgt Penny Sam Avent
Sadie Roger Leach
Cheryl Hall

DESIGNER ROBIN PARKER
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
LLOYD SHIRLEY
PRODUCER PETER CREGEEN
DIRECTOR JOHN WOODS
Thames Television Production



Violet (Lily Tomlin), Doralee (Dolly Parton) and Judy (Jane Fonda) ensure that '9 to 5' is never routine: 10.20.

10.00 News at Ten

followed by

Central News

10.20

Feature Film

JANE FONDA
LILY TOMLIN
DOLLY PARTON
DABNEY COLEMAN
STERLING HAYDEN
NINE TO FIVE

FILM Newly divorced Judy Bernly begins her first day at Consolidated Companies under the weary eye of section supervisor Violet Newstead who is currently at odds with her new, incompetent and horrendously chauvinistic boss Franklin Hart. After Violet learns that she has been passed over for promotion in favour of a male, she drowns her sorrows with Judy and Hart's secretary Doralee Rhodes, innocent victim of Hart's gossip about her love life. The trio begins to spin private fantasies about turning the tables on Hart. . .

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Judy Jane Fonda
Violet Lily Tomlin
Doralee Dolly Parton
Hart Dabney Coleman
Tinsworth Sterling Hayden
Roz Elizabeth Wilson
Hinkle Henry Jones
Dick Lawrence Pressman
Missy Hart Marian Mercer
Barbara Ren Woods
Betty Norma Donaldson
Maria Roxanna Bonilla-Giannini
Margaret Peggy Pope
Meade Richard Stahl
Eddie Ray Vitte
Bob Enright Edward Marshall
Chuck Strell Alan Hautreux
Perkins Earl Boen
Wayne Rhodes
Jeffrey Douglas Thomas
Norman Lane Tom Tarpey
Motorcycle cop Michael Delano
Buff Barbara Chase
Josh Newstead David Price
Detective Gavin Mooney
Doctor Peter Hobbs
Policeman Terrence McNally
Janitress Esther Sutherland
Charlotte Helene Heigh
Phoebe Hotz Vicki Belmonte
Tom Wood Jerrold Ziman
Lee Chang Jessica Badovinac
Mailroom clerk Eric Mansker
Maxine Shirley Anthony
Intern Michael Hehr
SCREENPLAY COLIN HIGGINS,
PATRICIA RESNICK
DIRECTOR COLIN HIGGINS

12.20am Contact

Happenings from a religious point of view. +
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER
MICHAEL HART
Central Production

12.40am Closedown

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2.30pm The Little Colonel

SHIRLEY TEMPLE
LIONEL BARRYMORE

FILM In Kentucky, silver-haired Southerner Col Lloyd lives peacefully on the ancestral estate until his daughter Elizabeth falls in love and elopes with a former Yankee officer, Jack Sherman. Made in black and white

See page 38

Lloyd Sherman Shirley Temple
Col Lloyd Lionel Barrymore
Elizabeth Evelyn Venable
Jack Sherman John Lodge
Swazey Sidney Blackmer
SCREENPLAY WILLIAM CONSELMAN
DIRECTOR DAVID BUTLER

4.00

Two by Forsyth

BY FREDERICK FORSYTH

DAN O'HERLIHY
SHIRLEY ANNE FIELD
CYRIL CUSACK
MILO O'SHEA
GAYLE HUNNICUTT

Writer Frederick Forsyth introduces two of his own short stories. The first, *A Careful Man*, is about a millionaire dying of cancer. As he has no wife or children, his sister and her grasping family will inherit everything. But he has other plans for his wealth. . . In the second, *Privilege*, a collector of rare stamps is libelled by a newspaper and, as a result, his business fails. Lacking the funds for litigation, he discovers an ingenious way of obtaining justice.

DIRECTOR MICHAEL O'HERLIHY
Tara Productions

5.00 Basketball

PRUDENTIAL CUP
SEMI-FINAL

from Aston Villa Leisure Centre, Birmingham
Simon Reed and Alton Byrd with commentary on highlights of the second semi-final in the national cup competition. The winners take their place in the Prudential Cup Final at London's Royal Albert Hall on 13 January.
PRODUCERS DEREK BRANDON,
MIKE WILMOT
Cheerleader Production

6.00 Altarpieces

2: CHARITY NEVER
FAILETH

Matthias Grunewald's altarpiece was painted for the

monastery at Isenheim, France, and dates from 1515. This work of daring originality and passionate intensity is now in the Unterlinden Museum, Colmar, France. Part three tomorrow.

6.30

NEW SERIES Citizen 2000

SAOIRSE — PORTRAIT
OF A THREE-YEAR-OLD

'Saoirse' is the Gaelic word for freedom, and three-year-old Saoirse, who lives in London with her Irish parents, certainly lives up to her name. She's exuberant and irrepressible. This film series will be following her and 17 other children also born in 1982, as they grow towards maturity in the year 2000. Joanne: A Belfast Child is shown on Friday. For a free booklet, send sae to address 1, page 75.

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SERIES PRODUCER
CATHERINE FREEMAN
PRODUCER ANNIE MACDONALD
DIRECTOR JILL FULLERTON-SMITH
Thames Television Production

7.00

Channel 4 News and Weather

With Peter Sissons.

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DIRECTORS JACQUI BROMLEY,
MICHAEL PIPER, MUNRO FORBES,
DEREK GUTHRIE,
MALCOLM JOHNSON
PROGRAMME EDITORS
JOHN MORRISON, MIKE SHEPPARD
EDITOR STEWART PURVIS
ITN Production

7.30 Sunshine Christmas

RUSTIE LEE

For millions the world over, Christmas is a time of warmth and sunshine. Tonight, black entertainers have created their own with a party for the stars of the black community, held at Kisses nightspot in South London. Introduced by Rustie Lee and starring Bevin Fagan and the Fagan Family. Music by Dennis Bovell.

DESIGNER COLIN PIGOTT
LIGHTING CAMERA
PETER BARTLETT
SOUND JOHN LUNDSTEIN
PRODUCER DAVID COLLISON
DIRECTOR GEOFFREY HAYDON
Third Eye Production

8.00 Brookside

Sheila and Claire visit a know-all Father Christmas. Barry returns home but refuses to answer the phone. Billy decides to work over Christmas and Julia fixes up a date with two men.

Annabelle Collins Doreen Sloane
Paul Collins Jim Wiggins
Billy Corkhill John McArdle



Jim Bywater, Clive Russell and Gavin Muir take part in investigations into the 'Accidental Death of an Anarchist'.

Doreen Corkhill
Harold Cross
Ralph Hardwick
Bobby Grant
Sheila Grant
Damon Grant
Karen Grant
Pat Hancock
Sandra Maghie
Terry Sullivan
Julia Brogan
Lucy Collins
Eileen
Barry Grant
Tony Hetherington
Kate Fitzgerald
Bill Dean
Ray Dumbobbin
Ricky Tomlinson
Sue Johnston
Simon O'Brien
Shelagh O'Hara
David Easter
Sheila Grier
Brian Regan
Gladys Ambrose
Maggie Saunders
Kim Kane
Paul Usher
Gordon Wharmby
Mike Flanagan
Claire Lewis
William Maxwell

Joey
Jane Smith
Jack Sullivan
WRITER ALAN SWIFT
DESIGNER CAROL SHEERAN
DIRECTOR BOB CARLTON
PRODUCER STUART DOUGHTY
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
PHIL REDMOND
Mersey Television Production

8.30 Pride of Our Alley

BY ALAN PLATER

POLLY HEMINGWAY
BARRY JACKSON
MICHAEL ANGELIS
GEORGE PRAVDA

Our Gracie! The exuberant career of the Lancashire mill girl who became a famous singer and comedienne, a folk heroine and one of the highest-paid Hollywood stars of her day resounds with the songs she immortalised — love songs, daft songs and exhilarating songs: Sally, The Biggest Aspidistra in the World, Sing As We Go. But behind the humour and the glamour is the bitter-sweet story of little Grace Stansfield, who became Dame Gracie Fields, the Pride of Our Alley.

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Previously shown on ITV
Gracie Fields Polly Hemingway
Archie Pitt Barry Jackson
Monty Banks Michael Angelis
Boris Alperovici George Pravda
Pianist Gordon Dulieu
Interviewer John Bowler
Jenny Sally Sanders
Fred Mark Jones
Flanagan Doynne Byrd

DESIGNER JEREMY BEAR
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
DAVID CUNLIFFE
PRODUCER/DIRECTOR
MICHAEL FERGUSON
Yorkshire Television Production

10.00

Accidental Death of an Anarchist

BY DARIO FO, ADAPTED
BY GAVIN RICHARDS

A fast and funny uncovering of the circumstances of the death of an anarchist while being held for questioning by Milan police. TV version of the Belt and Braces Roadshow Company's theatre production directed by Gavin Richards. +
Inspector Pissani Jim Bywater
Maria Feletti Susan Denaker
Constables/lift attendant
Gavin Muir
Gavin Richards
Clive Russell
John Surman
Richard Coverley
Hal Jeayes
Vincenzo Nicoli
Steve Fideli
Brigid O'Hara

The Maniac
Superintendent
Insp Bertozzo
Policemen
Suspect
Photographer/suspect
DIRECTOR ALAN HORROX
PRODUCERS
JOHN ELLIS, TARA PREM
Belt and Braces TV Productions

11.25 to 12.30am Bulldog

Drummond's Secret Police

FILM When old Professor Downie is murdered at Drummond Towers, it leads Hugh Drummond and Phyllis Clavering on the trail of fabulous treasure. Made in black and white

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Capt Hugh Drummond
John Howard
Phyllis Clavering Heather Angel
Col Nelson H B Warner
Aunt Blanche Elizabeth Patterson
Prof Downie Forrester Harvey
Const Jenkins David Clyde
Const Hawkins Clyde Cook
Sgt Peters Gerald Rogers

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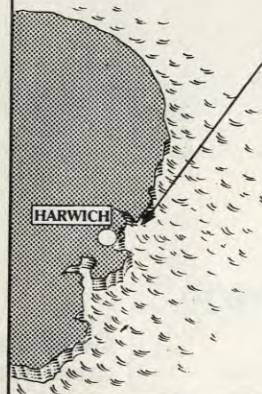
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Central

6.15 TV-am: Good Morning Britain

ANNE DIAMOND
NICK OWEN

Special panto guest, Nicholas Parsons

News with Gordon

Honeycombe 6.15, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00.

Weather with Wincey Willis 6.28, 6.58, 7.28, 7.58, 8.28, 8.58.

Sport: Richard Keys 6.35, 7.34.

Lizzie Webb: 6.20.

News Topics 6.45, 7.07, 7.45, 8.13, 8.45. **Regional Report** 7.15.

Pop Video

with **Julie Brown** 7.55.

Tuesday Specials: Christmas Past with Irene Handl, who looks back to the best of her childhood memories 8.17.

Gyles Brandreth on Christmas Traditions.

Pop Special. A profile of pop group AHA, 8.45.

Film Review with Paul Gambaccini 8.54.

Wacaday 9.04.

9.25 Fraggles Rock MAROONED

Boober and Red have never been the closest of friends, until they are trapped in a cave-in. Discovering that they may perish together brings many changes. Fulton Mackay is the Captain.

DIRECTOR GEORGE BLOOMFIELD

9.50 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends

BASED ON THE RAILWAY SERIES BY REV W AWDRY

THOMAS'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thomas and his friends from

the engine shed say thank you to an old lady and everyone has a happy Christmas. Ringo Starr tells the story.

DIRECTOR DAVID MITTON
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
BRITT ALLCROFT
Central Production

10.00 The Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. Disney cartoon in which Santa goes to visit some children all tucked up in bed. At the sound of Santa's trumpet all the toys come to life and have a big party.

10.10 The Battle of the Monster Trucks

Spectacular action from America as huge, customised trucks race against each other. Watch Bigfoot, UFA-1, Psycho and others — the biggest, meanest monster machines ever created...

10.55 Feature Film

PETULA CLARK
JOHN CASTLE
LUCY DURHAM-MATTHEWS
TOBY RUSHTON

NEVER NEVER LAND

FILM When eight-year-old Jennie is dumped on relations by her recently divorced father, she finds in the home of her Auntie Bee and Uncle Jim a very sympathetic friend in her cousin Joe. There are three children in the family and their lives are disrupted by the addition of another child. So the older two, Angela and Walter, make life exceedingly difficult for Jennie and Joe. But they have a way out. Joe, who is in love with the idea of Peter Pan and his statue in London's Kensington Gardens, takes Jennie with him into the land of fantasy and Peter Pan and Wendy and the Lost Boys.

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Auntie Bee	Petula Clark
Uncle Jim	John Castle
Angela Melvin	
Lucy Durham-Matthews	
Walter Melvin	Toby Rushton
Jennie Harris	Heather Miller
Joe Melvin	Christopher Henson
Edith Forbes	Cathleen Nesbitt
Zena Dunn	Anne Seymour
Mille Morris	Evelyn Laye

Captain (Fulton Mackay) and devoted dog Sprocket welcome you to 'Fraggle Rock', where magical things can happen... 9.25.



Jillian (Melinda Dillon) and son Barry (Cary Guffey) in 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind'.

Mr Salford
SCREENPLAY
MARJORIE L SIGLEY
DIRECTOR PAUL ANNETT

12.30 God Bless Us Every One!

FRANK FINLAY
JANE LAPOTAIRE
THE CHOIR OF
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES

People have worshipped in All Saints' Church at Kingston-upon-Thames for more than 1000 years. From this historic church comes a celebration in words and music, spanning 600 years of reflection on the Birth of Christ, from the beauty of the medieval carol to Sir John Betjeman's contemporary view of Christmas. Frank Finlay and Jane Lapotaire are joined by children from Coombe Hill Junior School for a reading from Dickens' timeless tale *A Christmas Carol*. The choir of All Saints' Church is directed by David Nield. Organist is Brian Lewis. Production assistant is Denysse Edwardes.

DESIGNER JOHN PLANT
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
CATHERINE FREEMAN
DIRECTOR BOB ANDO
PRODUCER LESTER CLARK
Thames Television Production

1.00 News at One

LEONARD PARKIN

Latest national and international news, weather prospects and share prices.

1.20 Central News

‡ indicates Repeat

1.30 to 3.55 Feature Film

RICHARD DREYFUSS
FRANÇOIS TRUFFAUT
TERI GARR

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND (SPECIAL EDITION)

FILM Roy Neary, a repair man for an electricity company, witnesses unidentified flying objects near his home in Indiana. This encounter sets in motion a startling chain of dramatic events, and Neary tries desperately to understand what has happened. He is baffled by the apparent governmental cover-up that blocks his efforts...

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Roy Neary	Richard Dreyfuss
Claude Lacombe	François Truffaut
Ronnie Neary	Teri Garr
Jillian Guiler	Melinda Dillon
David Laughlin	Bob Balaban
Robert	Lance Hendriksen
Wild Bill	Warren Kemmerling
Farmer	Roberts Blossom
Jean Claude	Phillip Dodds
Barry Guiler	Cary Guffey
Brad Neary	Shawn Bishop
Sylvia Neary	Adrienne Campbell
Toby Neary	Justin Dreyfuss
Team leader	Merrill Connolly
Maj Benchley	George DiCenzo

Implantees Amy Douglass
Alexander Lockwood
Gene Dynarski
Mary Gaffrey
Norman Bartold
Josef Sommer
Rev Michael J Dyer
Highway patrolman Roger Ernest
Military policeman Carl Weathers
ARP project member F J O'Neil
ARP musician Phil Dodds

SCREENPLAY DIRECTOR
STEVEN SPIELBERG

All programmes are in colour unless otherwise stated



2.35pm Laundry and Gilliat: Inspector Hornleigh on Holiday

GORDON HARKER
ALASTAIR SIM

FILM The beginning of a comprehensive season of the work of writer-directors Frank Laundry and Sidney Gilliat, who will personally introduce the series. This film finds Inspector Hornleigh and his hapless cohort, Sergeant Bingham, torn from a seaside holiday to investigate an insurance racket involving the secret use of corpses from a London hospital...

Made in black and white

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Insp Hornleigh	Gordon Harker
Sgt Bingham	Alastair Sim
Miss Meadows	Linden Travers
Capt Fraser	Edward Chapman
Bradfield	Philip Leaver
Dr Manners	Kynaston Reeves
Chief Constable	John Turnbull
Sir George	Wyndham Goldie
Police sergeant	Wally Patch

SCREENPLAY SIDNEY GILLIAT,
FRANK LAUNDER, FROM A
NOVEL BY LEO GREX
DIRECTOR WALTER FORDE

4.15 Pest from the West

BUSTER KEATON

FILM A millionaire visits a small Mexican village and tries to communicate with the locals, particularly a young girl.

Made in black and white

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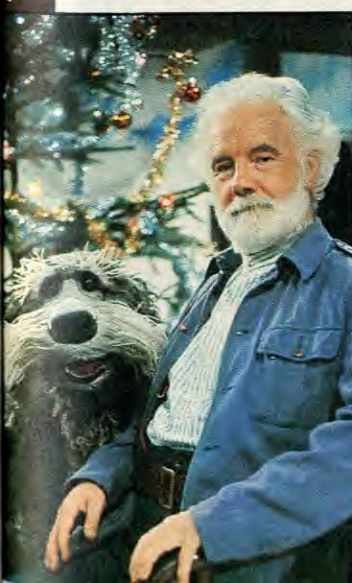
Millionaire	Buster Keaton
Girl	Lorna Gray

DIRECTOR DEL LORD

4.35 Taize: That Little Springtime

Documentary about the ecumenical religious community of Taize, in France, and its founder, Brother Roger. The community, begun at the outset of World War Two as a place of prayer and reconciliation, today consists of 80 brothers, different nationalities and Christian faiths, who live a monastic lifestyle of daily prayer and song.

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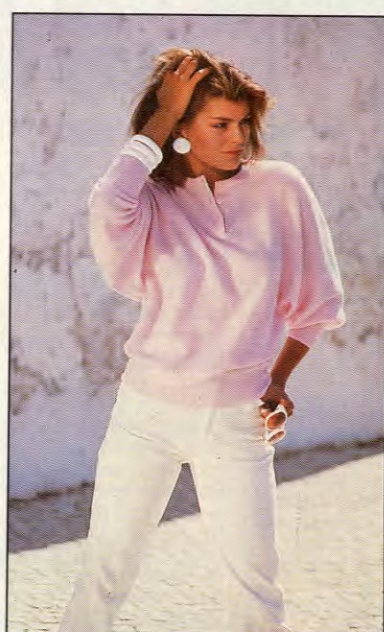
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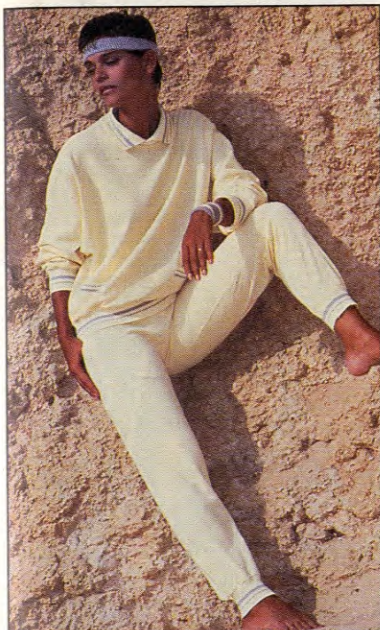
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CHRISTMAS EVE

3.55

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Central

3.55pm NEW SERIES The Wind in the Willows

MICHAEL HORDERN
RICHARD PEARSON
PETER SALLIS
DAVID JASON
IAN CARMICHAEL

WINTER SPORTS BY BRIAN TRUEMAN

Animated adventure inspired by Kenneth Grahame's classic tale. Music by Malcolm Rowe and Keith Hopwood, performed by Ralph McTell and arranged by Brian Ibbetson.

Badger Michael Hordern
Mole Richard Pearson
Rat Peter Sallis
Toad David Jason
Narrator Ian Carmichael

With additional voices by Brian Trueman, Delia Corrie, Brian Southward, Kate Lee

DIRECTOR JACKIE COCKLE

PRODUCERS

MARK HALL, BRIAN COSGROVE
Thames Television Production

4.20 Splash into Christmas

MICHAEL GROTH
VICTORIA STUDD
NINO FIRETTO

Splash into Christmas. With

only hours to go to Christmas Day, it's partytime at Splash as Nino, Victoria and Michael open the doors to an invited audience and some very special guests.

RESEARCH JAYANA AUSTIN,
PETER BAILEY, ANNIE DAVIES,
MEGAN LANDER
DIRECTOR DAVE ROGERS
PRODUCER MIKE WARD
Thames Television Production

4.50 Knight Rider DAVID HASSELHOFF CIRCUS KNIGHTS

Another adventure with the knight errant and his super-powered car, KITT.

Michael Knight David Hasselhoff
Devon Miles Edward Mulhare
Bonnie Barstow

Patricia McPherson
Terry Major Michelle NiCastro
Bombo the Clown Chuck McCann

News at 5.45

6.00 Crossroads

Nicola goes home for a family get together. Daniel decides to go skiing, but Nicola has other plans for him.

For cast, see Monday
WRITER MARGARET SIMPSON
DIRECTOR DAVID ATTWOOD

6.25 Central News

7.00 Carry On Laughing

Further film extracts featuring the Carry On team in saucy holiday mood — under canvas, in caravans and in a half-completed foreign hotel. Disaster and laughter are guaranteed with: Bernard Bresslaw, Peter Butterworth, Kenneth Connor, Jim Dale, Sally Geeson, Carol Hawkins, Charles Hawtrey, Hattie Jacques, Sidney James, Dilys Laye, Jimmy Logan, Betty Marsden, Terry Scott, Joan Sims, Elke Sommer, June Whitfield, Kenneth Williams and Barbara Windsor.

DIRECTOR GERALD THOMAS
PRODUCER PETER ROGERS
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Programmes as Central except:

TVS 6.00 Coast to Coast; 6.35 to 7.00 Crossroads.

GRANADA 6.00 Granada Reports; 6.35 to 7.00 Crossroads.

YORKSHIRE 6.00 Calendar; 6.35 to 7.00 Crossroads.

HTV 6.00 HTV News; 6.35 to 7.00 Crossroads.

HTV (Wales) as general service except: 6.00 to 6.35 Wales at Six; 7.00 to 8.00 Caryl's Christmas Show.

THAMES 6.00 Thames News; 6.25 Help Christmas Line; 6.35 to 7.00 Crossroads.

ANGLIA 6.00 About Anglia; 6.35 to 7.00 Crossroads.



8.00

Reach for the stars with Eric Morecambe, Suzanne Danielle and Ernie Wise in vintage comedy: 'The Best of Morecambe and Wise'.



9.00

Outrageous 'Arthur' (Dudley Moore) makes an impression on Linda (Liza Minnelli) and his bewildered butler Hobson (John Gielgud).



David Hasselhoff, as 'Knight Rider', does battle at 4.50.

7.30 Whose Baby?

BERNIE WINTERS & SCHNORBITZ
Henry Cooper
Nanette Newman
Kenneth Williams

Bernie Winters hosts a special edition of the family quiz in which celebrities try to guess the identities of famous parents by quizzing their children. And be prepared for a special surprise finish.
RESEARCH SUE GREEN,
ANNIE KOSOFF
DIRECTOR NICK BIGSBY
PRODUCER MAURICE LEONARD
Thames Television Production

8.00 The Best of Morecambe and Wise

ERIC MORCAMBE
ERNIE WISE
PETER BARKWORTH
SUZANNE DANIELLE
HANNAH GORDON
ANN HAMILTON
GLENDA JACKSON
DONALD SINDEN

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without Eric and Ernie, so join Ernie as he introduces some of the highlights from their past shows. Writers are Eddie Braben, Barry Cryer and John Junkin.

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DESIGNERS DAVID MARSHALL,
PETER LE PAGE
DIRECTORS JOHN AMMONDS,
KEITH BECKETT, DAVID CLARK,
MARK STUART
Thames Television Production

9.00 Feature Film

DUDLEY MOORE
LIZA MINNELLI
JOHN GIELGUD

ARTHUR

FILM Arthur Bach, heir to a vast fortune, is an habitual drunk, scandalises high society in New York's smartest restaurants and picks up prostitutes in his chauffeur-driven limousine. His family threatens to disinherit him unless he marries wealthy Susan Johnson and gives up his playboy lifestyle. But then Arthur meets Linda Marolle, who is shoplifting at the time, and falls in love with her. . .

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Arthur Bach	Dudley Moore
Linda Marolle	Liza Minnelli
Hobson	John Gielgud
Martha Bach	Geraldine Fitzgerald
Susan Johnson	Jill Eikenberry
Burt Johnson	Stephen Elliott
Bitterman	Ted Ross
Ralph Marolle	Barney Martin
Stanford Bach	Thomas Barbour
Gloria	Anne De Salvo
Hooker	Marjorie Barnes
Oak Room Maitre D'	Dillon Evans
Uncle Peter	Maurice Copeland
Aunt Pearl	Justine Johnson
Plaza waiter	Paul Vincent
Secretary	Mary Alan Hokanson

Executive Saleslady	Paul Gleason
Security guard	Phyllis Somerville
Kids in Street	Irving Metzman
	Joe Doolan
	John Doolan
	Melissa Ballan
Mrs Nesbitt	Florence Tarlow
Plant store owner	Lou Jacobi
Prize men	Gordon Press
	Bob Maroff

SCREENPLAY/DIRECTOR
STEVE GORDON

10.45 ITN News

11.00 Carols from Christ Church

ALEC McCOWEN
IAN CHARLESON
Christ Church
Cathedral Choir
Warwick University
Chamber Choir

In this Christmas carol programme, Alec McCowen reads *The Journey of the Magi* by T S Eliot, and Ian Charleson reads *The Burning Babe* by Robert Southwell. The Christ Church Cathedral Choir, Oxford, conducted by Francis Grier, and the Warwick University Chamber Choir sing a selection of favourite carols. Music director Francis Grier. Music co-ordinator Duncan Fraser. ‡

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER
RICHARD HOLLOWAY
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER
JON SCOFFIELD
Central Production

11.30 Midnight Mass

Join the nurses, doctors and patients from the Mater Infirmerum Hospital, Crumlin Road, Belfast, for Midnight Mass. The Most Rev Cahal Daly, Bishop of Down and Connor, is the concelebrant, assisted by Fr Eamonn O'Brien and Fr Anthony McLaverty. The organist is Robert Leonard.

PRODUCER ANDREW CROCKART
Ulster Television Production

12.30am Closedown



Will Kenneth Williams be able to guess 'Whose Baby'?



5.00pm Peace on Earth

This Christmas special, narrated by Dame Flora Robson and with readings by Laurence Olivier, brings together the most inspired words, music and paintings of the past 2000 years and relates them to the historical birthplace of Christ. For the first time, the Israeli government allows the televising of the commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ at the actual spot it is believed to have taken place — now the Grotto of the Church of the Nativity, in Bethlehem. This event provides the climax to the celebrations we see, with choirs from all over the world assembled in Manger Square to celebrate Christmas Day and men, women and children joining together to provide proof that the spirit of Christmas really is one of joy. Written and devised by Derek Bailey. ‡

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PRODUCER/DIRECTOR
DEREK BAILEY
Polytel Film/World Northal
Co-production

6.00 Altarpieces

SEEKING THE BLESSED

BY TILMAN RIEMENSCHNEIDER
Last of three programmes. Tilman Riemenschneider was born in Heiligenstadt, Germany, in about 1460. Aged 18, he went to Würzburg, where he lived and worked until his death in 1531. He was of a lyrical nature. His soulful melancholy and his perpetual search to express the true idea to that termed 'blessed' made him become known as 'the tender tyrant of Franconia'. In Creglingen, Germany, in a small and modest church, is housed one of the most delicate and touching works of church art in Europe, an altarpiece dedicated to the Virgin Mary, exquisitely carved by Riemenschneider in 1505.

6.30 The Snowman

FILM An animated version, produced to appeal to audiences of all ages, of Raymond Briggs's well known children's story, introduced by David Bowie. It's



A little boy takes a magical motorbike ride to the North Pole to meet a Very Important Person in 'The Snowman', 6.30.

Christmas Eve and the snow is falling. A time for magic. A little boy races outside to build a snowman. Later, when everyone's asleep, the snowman comes alive and, after a spin on a motorbike, the snowman and the boy fly off to the North Pole to meet a Very Important Person. The special flying sequence is animated by Stephen Weston and Robin White. Music, including the song *Walking Through the Air*, by Howard Blake.

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ANIMATION HILARY AUDUS,
JOANNE FRYER
DIRECTOR DIANE JACKSON
PRODUCER JOHN COATES
Snowman Enterprises Production

7.00 News Summary and Weather

followed by

Gymnastics

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8.00 Brookside

Father Christmas reveals his true identity and work threatens to spoil Bobby's holiday. Harry and Ralph find they think with one mind. Who is the mysterious girl pursuing Barry?
For cast, see Monday

8.30 Carols for Christmas

DAVID WILLCOCKS
ALED JONES
GERALD FINLEY
A traditional carol concert for Christmas Eve featuring Aled Jones, the Welsh boy treble, baritone Gerald Finley and the Royal College of Music Chamber Choir, with the

Farnaby Brass Ensemble. Sir David Willcocks conducts his own arrangements of 23 popular carols from his *Carols for Christmas* songbook. Filmed in St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, the concert is complemented by a rich array of paintings and images of Christmas from New York's Metropolitan Museum. Organist is Paul Trepte.
DIRECTOR CHRISTOPHER SWANN
PRODUCER ROBIN SCOTT
NVC Production in association with the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

9.35 Launder and Gilliat: The Lady Vanishes

MARGARET LOCKWOOD
MICHAEL REDGRAVE

FILM Hitchcock's famous mystery film about the disappearing lady aboard the Trans-Continental Express. She is a mild little English governess, Miss Froy. And, when she disappears without trace, all the other passengers deny having seen her except Iris, who fainted in Miss Froy's arms. See page 38
Made in black and white
Iris Henderson

Gilbert	Margaret Lockwood
Dr Hartz	Michael Redgrave
Miss Froy	Paul Lukas
Mr Todhunter	Dame May Whitty
Mrs Todhunter	Cecil Parker
Baroness	Linden Travers
Caldicott	Mary Clare
Charters	Nauntun Wayne
Hotel manager	Basil Radford
Blanche	Emile Boreo
Julie	Googie Withers
Signor Doppo	Sally Stewart
SCREENPLAY SIDNEY GILLIAT,	Philip Leaver
FRANK LAUNDER	
DIRECTOR ALFRED HITCHCOCK	

11.25 to 12.35am The Pointer Sisters in Paris

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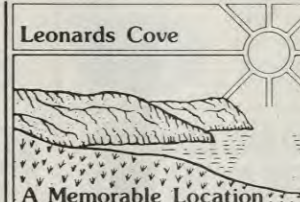
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Central

6.15 TV-am: Good Morning Britain

ANNE DIAMOND

NICK OWEN

Cartoon Time 6.15 to 7.15.

An hour of cartoon fun.

News Headlines: Gordon

Honeycombe 7.00, 8.00, 9.00.

Weather with Wincey Willis

6.58, 7.58, 8.58.

TV-am's Christmas Party 7.15.

Join the regular team with the stars and their families, including Rolf Harris, Faith Brown, Rustie Lee, Roy Castle, Rory Bremner and Russ Conway — all celebrating in the studio. Also appearing are the Salvation Army Band, St George's Cathedral Choir and the Inspirational Choir.

Wincey Willis and Henry Kelly make it a day to remember at a national children's home. They create the real Christmas spirit with the help of Adam Ant, Paul King, Michael Barrymore and Five Star. Plus there's a surprise visit from Santa. And, back in the studio, a special Christmas greeting from Paul McCartney and Cliff Richard.

9.25 Christmas Fraggles Rock

THE BELLS OF FRAGGLE ROCK

Underground, the Fraggles are preparing for the annual Festival of the Bells. Fulton Mackay is the Captain.

DIRECTORS JEREMY SWAN, DOUGLAS WILLIAMS

9.50 Dangermouse

JOURNEY TO THE EARTH'S... COR!

With the masterly mouse and his assistant Penfold. Written by Brian Trueman, with the voices of David Jason, Terry Scott, Edward Kelsey and Brian Trueman.

DIRECTOR BRIAN COSGROVE
PRODUCERS BRIAN COSGROVE, MARK HALL

Thames Television Production



All dressed up in traditional finery, Nick Owen and Anne Diamond give TV-am a seasonal send-off. Climb aboard for a lively trip, 6.15.

10.00 The Christmas Morning Service

from Kenton Methodist Church

The congregation of Kenton Methodist Church, Middlesex, is host to their neighbours, St John's United Reformed Church, in a combined family worship celebrating the joys of Christmas. The service is conducted by the Rev Paul Eddyshaw and the Rev Derek Gill. The organist is Eric Williams.

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER JIM POPE
Thames Television Production

11.00 Disney at Christmas

It wouldn't be Christmas without Disney. As a curtain-raiser to the Disney feature film *The Black Hole* at 11.15, enjoy a double bill of cartoon classics: *Santa's Workshop* and *The Ugly Duckling*.

11.15 Feature Film

MAXIMILIAN SCHELL

ANTHONY PERKINS

YVETTE MIMIEUX

THE BLACK HOLE

FILM The USS Palomino is nearing the end of a fruitless 18-month search for life in an

USS Palomino speeds through space towards a nightmarish adventure that begins on the brink of *'The Black Hole'*. Be ready for lift off, 11.15.

uncharted region of space when, perched on the brink of a black hole, a derelict spacecraft is detected. The craft proves to be the USS *Cygnus*, missing for 20 years. The *Palomino* is soon forced to dock on to the *Cygnus* — but the derelict craft is the domain of Dr Hans Reinhardt, a world where scientific genius and human madness interwind...

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Dr Hans Reinhardt

Maximilian Schell
Anthony Perkins
Robert Forster
Yvette Mimieux
Joseph Bottoms
Ernest Borgnine
Tommy McLoughlin
JEB ROSEBROOK
GERRY DAY
DIRECTOR GARY NELSON

1.00 to 2.00 Jim Davidson's Top Pop Videos of '85

Jim Davidson looks back at the year's videos of bestselling pop records — from Band-Aid to Bowie and Jagger.

DESIGNER DAVID FERRIS
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER ROBERT LOUIS
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER MARK STUART
Thames Television Production



11.00am Mister Skeeter

PETER BAYLISS

FILM Jamie, Lisa and Rodney, three inmates of a children's home threatened with closure, who decide to run away to the seaside. There, on the beach, they strike up a friendship with eccentric Mr Skeeter, who is given to magic tricks and walking an invisible dog... Music by David Hewson.

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Mr Skeeter Peter Bayliss
Lisa Louise Rawlings
Jamie Orlando Wells
Rodney Rodney Dodds
John Richard Bartlett
Nan Rose Hill
Policeman Tim Page
with Verity Harmer, Nicolette Mason, Russell Martin, Stephen Sargeant, Clare Warburton
DIRECTOR COLIN FINBOW

12.30 Wil 6

ADAPTED BY MEREDITH EDWARDS
FROM A STORY BY HUW K EVANS

Set in the 1920s, this gentle film follows the adventures of young William Jones in a delightful village nestling in the mountains of North Wales. An alien English education system contrasts with the simple life and ideals of the Welsh community in which he lives. In Welsh and English with English subtitles.

Wil 6 Llyr Hughes
Wil Gingerbeer Aled Williams
Spurgeon Jones Dominic Pitcher
Old Wil Gingerbeer Meredith Edwards
Headmaster Dyfan Roberts
Mr Roberts Stewart Jones
School inspector Ioan Meredith

CAMERA RAY ORTON
PRODUCERS RICHARD STANFORTH, MICHAEL KOC
DIRECTOR PAUL TURNER
Teliesyn Production for S4C

1.20 Happy Anniversary

PIERRE ETAIX

FILM A very funny French comedy in which a devoted husband sets off for home on his wedding anniversary and encounters one motoring frustration after another. What lies in store when he finally gets there? See page 38

Made in black and white
SCREENPLAY/DIRECTORS PIERRE ETAIX, JEAN-CLAUDE CARRIERE



'A Closer Encounter' of the mammalian kind. Meet the clever dolphins at 1.35.

1.35 A Closer Encounter

Another Assignment Adventure film. Dr Horace Dobbs, director of International Dolphin Watch, has devoted his life to friendships with the wild dolphins who choose to make friends with man. Dolphins are unique in having a brain that is as developed and complex as man's, and Dr Dobbs believes that the only way that we can begin to understand 'our cousins in the sea' is by meeting them in their own mysterious underwater world. In the summer of 1983, he set sail to make contact with 'Jean-Louis', a bottlenose dolphin said to be living among the rocks of the Atlantic coast of Brittany and first sighted by Breton fisherman who thought it was a shark. 'Jean-Louis' turned out to be a female dolphin. This is the story of a remarkable and enlightening encounter that includes testing the ancient myth that dolphins come to the rescue of a drowning man.

CAMERA PAUL BERRIFF, PETER SCOONES
SOUND JOHN PEARSON
PRODUCER/DIRECTOR PETER GILLBE
Goldcrest/John Gau Production



Peter Bayliss: mysterious 'Mister Skeeter' at 11.00.



CHRISTMAS DAY



Central

2.00pm

The Royal Year

Anthony Carthew presents the highlights of what has been an action-packed and globe-trotting year for the Royal Family — and reports on the magical moments of the year's royal tours and visits. The Queen started the year in the warm sun of Portugal, and ended it with a colourful tour of the Caribbean. The Prince and Princess of Wales worked their way through the stunning beauty of the towns and cities of Italy, the heat of the Australian outback and the glitter of a star-studded welcome in the United States. And the Queen Mother — 85 this year — received a rapturous welcome in Canada. It's been a year in which, in their different ways, members of the Royal Family have won the hearts of people around the world. Picture editor Fred Hickey.

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DIRECTOR ALAN RODMAN

EDITOR NIGEL DACRE

ITN Production

3.00 The Queen

The Queen speaks to the Commonwealth.

3.05 The James Bond Film MOONRAKER

FILM James Bond investigates the disappearance of the US-British space shuttle Moonraker during a test flight. The trail leads him to the billionaire Hugo Drax, a great benefactor of space research, but really a megalomaniac bent on world domination.

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James Bond	Roger Moore
Holly Goodhead	Lois Chiles
Hugo Drax	Michael Lonsdale
Jaws	Richard Kiel
Corinne Dufour	Corinne Clery
Manuela	Emily Bolton
Chang	Toshiro Suga
Blonde beauty	Irka Bochenko
Cen Gogol	Walter Gotell
Frederick Gray	Geoffrey Keen
Money Penny	Lois Maxwell
M	Bernard Lee
Consumptive Italian	Alfie Bass
Q	Desmond Llewelyn
US Shuttle captain	Brian Keith

SCREENPLAY CHRISTOPHER WOOD
FROM THE NOVEL BY IAN FLEMING
DIRECTOR LEWIS GILBERT

5.30 ITN News

5.40

Name That Tune

LIONEL BLAIR
MAGGIE MOONE
Alan Braden and his Orchestra

Christmas could come here for one lucky contestant who could take home £1250, a special prize and a new car. Lionel Blair hosts the music quiz, and singer Maggie Moone entertains. Alan Braden and his Orchestra provide the music.

Contestants are Carol Morland from Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, and Philip Barclay from Washington, Tyne and Wear. Maggie Moone pays tribute to the legendary songwriting team of Rodgers and Hammerstein as she sings *It Might As Well Be Spring*. Music associate Ray Monk, music director/consultant Alan Braden.

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER

DAVID CLARK

Thames Television Production

6.10

Coronation Street

There's a double surprise in store for Percy Sugden when he has Christmas dinner at Emily Bishop's. And the Barlows are disappointed by Susan's arrangements for the day.

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For cast, see Monday

WRITER JULIAN ROACH

6.45 Fresh Fields Christmas Special

JULIA MCKENZIE
ANTON RODGERS
Ann Beach
Fanny Rowe

A DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS

BY JOHN CHAPMAN

Comedy with middle-aged couple Hester and William Fields whose offspring have grown up and left home leaving their mum and dad to find new purpose in life. William and Hester are suddenly faced with the prospect of spending their first Christmas without the children around. So Hester sends out an invitation — Oh Come All Ye Neighbours! Music by Harry Stoneham.

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Hester Fields	Julia McKenzie
William Fields	Anton Rodgers
Sonia Barratt	Ann Beach
Nancy Penrose	Fanny Rowe
Guy Penrose	Ballard Berkeley
Miss Denham	Daphne Oxenford
John Barratt	John Arthur
Emma	Debby Cumming
Mrs Fielder	Zulema Dene

DESIGNER STUART MCCARTHY

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER

PETER FRAZER-JONES

Thames Television Production

7.30 Minder on The Orient Express

BY ANDREW PAYNE

DENNIS WATERMAN

GEORGE COLE

Glynn Edwards

Patrick Malahide

Peter Childs

Honor Blackman

Adam Faith

Ronald Lacey

Amanda Pays

Ralph Bates

Robert Beatty

Maurice Denham

James Faulkner

Manning Redwood

When Terry accepts a pair of tickets from a beautiful young heiress for a trip on the Orient Express, he thinks he's hit the jackpot. Until he discovers that his girlfriend has been left behind and that Arthur Daley is his new travelling companion. . .

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Terry McCann Dennis Waterman

Arthur Daley George Cole

Jack South John Hartley

Young Nikki Alexandra Avery

Deborah South Katharine Schofield

Bozz Boswell Arthur Whybrow

Browning Karl Howman

Pope Jesse Birdsall

Brian Gamage Linal Haft

Van driver Jonathan Kydd

Annie Linda Hayden

Bank official Frank Duncan

Nikki South Amanda Pays

Mr Dryden Dennis Edwards

James Crane Adam Faith

Barry Hart Patrick Field

Dave Glynn Edwards

Mark Graves James Coombes

Chisholm Patrick Malahide

Det con Jones Michael Povey

Rycott Peter Childs

Det con Melish Michael Troughton

Pc Milton Cadman

Supt Garfield Morgan

Car lot punter David Beale

Hooray Henry Richard Linford

Kurt Wengler Hans Meyer

Karen Wengler Katja Kersten

Helen Spender Honor Blackman

Ted Moore James Faulkner

Debbie Moore Virginia Wetherall

Harry Ridler Ronald Lacey

Angelo Cappelloni

Manning Redwood

Angelo's girlfriend Debbie Arnold

Meredith Gascoyne

Judge Maurice Denham

English waiter Robert Beatty

Francois Leblanc Roger Tallon

Judge's wife Helen Horton

Chef de Train John Serret

Claude John Moreno

French waiter Colin Vancaao

French chef Daniel Rovai

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF

PRODUCTION JOHNNY GOODMAN

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

LYLOYD SHIRLEY

SCRIPT EXECUTIVE LINDA AGRAN

PRODUCER GEORGE TAYLOR

DIRECTOR FRANCIS MEGAHY

Thames Television Production

9.30

Des O'Connor Tonight

DES O'CONNOR

JOAN COLLINS

DUDLEY MOORE

ALAN KING

WILLIE TYLER AND LESTER

Join in the festivities as Des



2.00

The Queen and Prince Philip tour the Caribbean. They, like other members of their family, have travelled widely in 'The Royal Year'. ITV.

brings you a special Christmas party edition of his highly successful show. Among those invited along to entertain are the sensational Joan Collins, the very funny Dudley Moore, and America's top comedian, Alan King, ensuring a Merry Christmas for all the family. Script associates are Eric Davidson, Roy Tuvey.

PROGRAMME ASSOCIATE

CHRIS GREENWOOD

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER

JOHN GRAHAM

DESIGNERS PHILIP BLOWERS,

HARRY CLARK

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER

BRIAN PENDERS

Thames Television Production

10.40 ITN News

10.50

Feature Film

GORDON JOHN SINCLAIR

DEE HEPBURN

JAKE D'ARCY

CLARE GROGAN

GREGORY'S GIRL

FILM Gangling Gregory plays in the forward line of the school soccer team — and is as hopeless at that as he is at everything else. Then a new player comes for a trial. Her name is Dorothy — and she strikes love into Gregory's heart. . .

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Gregory

Dorothy

Phil Menzies

Susan

Andy

Steve

Eric

Carol

Margo

Billy

Madeline

Headmaster

Alec

Alistair

Gregory's dad

Mr Anderson

Miss Ford

Miss Welch

Mr Hall

Alan

Kelvin

Gordon John Sinclair

Dee Hepburn

Jake D'Arcy

Clare Grogan

Robert Buchanan

William Greenlees

Alan Love

Caroline Guthrie

Carol Macartney

Douglas Sannachan

Allison Forster

Chic Murray

Alex Norton

John Bett

David Anderson

Billy Feeley

Maevie Watt

Muriel Romanes

Patrick Lewesley

Ronald Girvan

Pat Harkins

6.45

Be merry with Hester (Julia McKenzie) and William (Anton Rodgers). You'd be crackers not to join in 'Fresh Fields Christmas Special', ITV.



10.50

Dee Hepburn as the delightful Dorothy, alias 'Gregory's Girl', will make many male hearts flutter. ITV.

Gordon
Richard
Charlie
Brenda
Penguin

Tony Whitmore
Denis Criman
Graham Thompson
Natasha Gerson
Christopher Higson

SCREENPLAY/DIRECTOR
BILL FORSYTH

12.30 Christmas Night Thoughts

From St Mary's Church, Wimbledon.

Alec McCowen and Paul Miles-Kingston in a special programme of music for Christmas and readings from the Bible.

PRODUCER NINA BURR

Thames Television Production

12.40am Closedown

CHRISTMAS DAY



7.30

Dennis Waterman and George Cole shame Santa in 'Minder on the Orient Express'. Catch it, ITV.



Illustration by
Brian Denington



8.45

A combination whose teamwork mixed panache with grace. 'Fonteyn and Nureyev: The Perfect Partnership'... Channel Four.



2.35pm The Marx Brothers at the Circus

GROUCHO MARX
CHICO MARX
HARPO MARX
MARGARET DUMONT
EVE ARDEN

FILM J Cheever Loophole, a lawyer of sorts who hasn't had a case in nine years, is called on to help to save a circus. In these endeavours, he finds allies in a handyman, Antonio Pirelli, and Punchy, the downtrodden assistant to the circus strongman. He casts romantic eyes at wealthy dowager Mrs Dukesbury, falls foul of Goliath (the strongman), has an encounter with Peerless Pauline, who walks upside-down on the ceiling, and creates havoc among upper-crust society. But he achieves his purpose...

Made in black and white

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J Cheever Loophole

Antonio Pirelli Groucho Marx
Punchy Chico Marx
Mrs Dukesbury Harpo Marx
Peerless Pauline Margaret Dumont
Goliath Eve Arden
Jeff Wilson Nat Pendleton
Julie Randall Kenny Baker
Florence Rice
SCREENPLAY IRVING BRECHER
DIRECTOR EDWARD BUZZELL

4.15 Nothing But Pleasure

BUSTER KEATON

FILM An hilarious comedy of errors featuring a man and an automobile.

Made in black and white

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Man Buster Keaton
Girl Dorothy Appleby
DIRECTOR JULES WHITE

4.35 The Queen

The Queen's Christmas message to the Commonwealth.

4.45 The Thief of Bagdad

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS

FILM The classic silent film, set a thousand years ago in Bagdad, a city of magic and mystery. Its myriad alleys and backstreets are the home of Ahmed the Thief, an audacious rogue who lives by his nimble wits. The film is introduced by Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. Another in the Thames Silents season, with music specially composed by Carl Davis, on themes of Rimsky-Korsakov, and played by the Philharmonia Orchestra. Produced for television by David Gill and Kevin Brownlowe.

Made in black and white

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Ahmed the Thief

Douglas Fairbanks
Julanne Johnston
Anna May Wong
Snitz Edwards
Charles Belcher
Winter Blossom
Etta Lee
Brandon Hurst
Tote Du Crow
So-Jin
Kanayama Nambu
Sadakichi Hartmann
Noble Johnson
Mathilde Comont
Charles Stevens
Sam Baker
Jess Waldon
Scotty Mattraw
Charles Sylvester

SCREENPLAY ELTON THOMAS
(DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS)
DIRECTOR RAOUL WALSH
Thames Television Presentation

7.40 News Summary and Weather

7.45 The Mind of David Berglas

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

A luxurious library in a spooky castle is the setting for this special Christmas excursion into the world of magic and the paranormal. David Berglas, the internationally renowned magician and psychic investigator, is joined by Stephanie Lawrence, Graham Chapman, Freddie Jones and Britt Ekland.

DESIGNER ASHLEY WILKINSON
SERIES EDITOR ALASTAIR PIRRIE
PRODUCERS ROYSTON MAYOH,
CHRISTINE WILLIAMS
DIRECTOR ROYSTON MAYOH
Tyne Tees Television Production

8.45 Fonteyn and Nureyev: The Perfect Partnership

Peter Batty's documentary, narrated by Robert Powell, tells the remarkable story of the unique dancing partnership between Margot Fonteyn and



Comic claps comic as 'Mel Brooks Hails Sid Caesar'.

Rudolf Nureyev. It was a collaboration of two contrasting personalities from very different backgrounds: she an experienced ballerina at the pinnacle of her profession, idolised for her achievements; he a young, almost unknown Russian, newly defected to the West. Theirs was a partnership thought by many to be the most perfect of all time, against which all others will be judged. Ballets included are Romeo and Juliet, Le Corsaire, Giselle, Swan Lake, Marguerite and Armand, Les Sylphides, Birthday Offering, Hamlet Prelude and Lucifer. ASSOCIATE PRODUCER JON RIPLEY
FILM EDITOR NOEL CHANAN
WRITER/DIRECTOR PETER BATTY
Peter Batty Production

10.40 Mel Brooks Hails Sid Caesar

'The best ever American comedy show' is what they called Show of Shows, which was broadcast live in the Fifties. It starred Sid Caesar, with Carl Reiner and Imogen Coca, and the writers included Woody Allen, Neil Simon and Mel Brooks. Thirty years later, Mel Brooks introduces a special collection of moments from the show and teams up again with Sid Caesar and Carl Reiner. Programme consultant is Ian MacDonald.

PRODUCTION
CHARLES BRAND, VIC FINCH
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
RICHARD DREWETT
LWT Production

11.40 to 12.25am Weber's, Missa Sancta

A performance of Carl Maria von Weber's great mass, recorded live at the Baroque Monastery of Waldsassen, in West Germany, with Horst Stein conducting the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra. Soloists are Margaret Marshall, Marga Schiemel, Thomas Moser and Kurt Moll.

DIRECTOR HUGO KACH
RM Arts/Bayerischer Rundfunk
Co-production



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Central

7.00 TV-am: Good Morning Britain

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Weather with Wincey Willis 7.03, 8.03, 9.26.

Rainbow Brite Special 7.08.

Flipper. More adventures with everyone's favourite dolphin 7.30.

WIDE AWAKE CLUB/ ARE YOU AWAKE YET? PANTOMIME

Frying Pan Meets the Genie of the Kettle! Arabella, James and Tommy from The Wide Awake Club are joined by Pete, Julie, Sally and Terry from Are You Awake Yet? There will be a host of lesser-known celebrities also involved in this bumper Christmas special. Can Frying Pan find Windy and Banana the dog in time to stop Captain Crook discovering the whereabouts of the WAC PAC secret ingredient? An everyday story of the Isle of Wac, it's your chance to see all your favourites get together in a pantomime.

9.25 Fraggles Rock THE MINSTRELS

A band of travelling musicians comes to Fraggles Rock to present an ancient Fraggles tradition — the Medley. Fulton Mackay is the Captain.

DIRECTOR JIM HENSON



No holds barred in 'The Great Race' when Prof Fate (Jack Lemmon) tangles with The Great Leslie (Tony Curtis).

9.50 Sooty Christmas Special

MATTHEW CORBETT

Although it's Christmas, Sooty, Sweep and Soo are not happy. This is because the party and the visit to the theatre seem to have been cancelled. But all ends happily when Matthew, using Sooty's new magic wand, makes things appear like magic. There's plenty of fun with the magician, Richard Cadell, and Bernie Clifton as well as a big party. Voice by Brenda Longman, puppeteers Peter Jago, Nick Wilson and Judy Palmer. Devised by Harry Corbett.

DIRECTOR NICK BIGSBY
PRODUCER CHARLES WARREN
Thames Television Production

10.15 Santa Claus — The Movie: Behind the Scenes

SUE ROBBIE

Sue Robbie goes behind the scenes at Pinewood Studios to meet the cast and crew of the new multi-million pound feature film Santa Claus — The Movie. She talks to star Dudley Moore about his role as the talented toymaker Patch and meets John Lithgow — the dastardly BZ.

RESEARCH NORA WATTS
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER STEPHEN LEAHY
DIRECTOR PATRICK LAU
PRODUCER MARTYN DAY
Granada Television Production

Bernie Clifton and his feathered friend join in the fun and games in the 'Sooty Christmas Special'. You can play along with people and puppets at 9.50.

10.40 Feature Film

TONY CURTIS
JACK LEMMON
NATALIE WOOD
PETER FALK

THE GREAT RACE

FILM A kaleidoscope of colour and custard-pie fun which its producers described as the greatest comedy of all time! The Great Leslie, clad all in white, is determined to win the great 1900 automobile race from New York to Paris. So is the moustache-twirling Professor Fate, the wickedest man in the world, with his assistant Max, the second wickedest man. The Great Leslie has a score to settle. It was Fate's arrow that pierced his balloon, preventing him setting up a new aeronautical record. Fate, too, has a score to settle: the balloon landed on his car. Maggie DuBois, a grimly determined female who smokes cigars, joins the fray as a reporter for the New York Sentinel. The Great Race is on!

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Leslie Gallant III
Prof Fate
Maggie DuBois
Maximilian Mean
Hezekiah Sturdy
Lily Olaf
Henry Goodbody

Tony Curtis
Jack Lemmon
Natalie Wood
Peter Falk
Keenan Wynn
Dorothy Provine

Arthur O'Connell
Hester Goodbody
Texas Jack
Baron Rolfe Von Stuppe

Ross Martin
Gen Kuhnster
Frisbee
Chairman
Sheriff
Starter

SCREENPLAY ARTHUR ROSS
DIRECTOR BLAKE EDWARDS

1.25 to 1.30 ITN News



11.00am Christ Stopped at Eboli

BY FRANCESCO ROSI,
TONINO GUERRA, BASED ON
THE NOVEL BY CARLO LEVI

GIAN MARIA VOLONTE

Four-part Italian/French TV version of Rosi's acclaimed film. It is 1935 in Fascist Italy. A young doctor, Carlo Levi, who is also a painter, is banished from his Turin home to Gagliano, an isolated mountain village in the far south, because of his open opposition to Fascism. The story begins as Levi arrives by train at Eboli. But to get to Gagliano he has to take another train, then a bus and finally a lift in a car. The village, cursed by malaria, seems forgotten by the rest of the world: the locals say that Christ didn't get as far as Eboli. Part two tomorrow. Italian dialogue with English subtitles.

Carlo Levi
The Mayor
Baron Rotunno
Luia Levi
Julia
Don Trajella
Faccia Lorda, the chauffeur

DIRECTOR FRANCESCO ROSI

12.00 The Heart Has Its Reasons

A profile of Jean Vanier, the founder of L'Arche, the community for mentally handicapped men and women which he began in 1964 in France. A moving, joyful, hopeful film showing how one man's vision has mobilised a community.

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER
MARTIN DOBLMEIER
Journey Communications Production

12.55 Channel Four Racing from Kempton Park

Introduced by Brough Scott
Featuring the mid-season showdown for the best hurdlers and chasers in the country.

1.10 Food Brokers-Armour Novices' Hurdle (2m)
1.40 Ladbroke Christmas Hurdle (2m)

2.15 King George VI Chase (3m)

2.45 Boxing Day H'Cap Hurdle (2m)

Paddock commentator is John Oaksey, interviewer Derek Thompson, race commentator Graham Goode; betting and results from John Tyrrel and John McCrick.

EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

MARK JACKSON

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

ANDREW FRANKLIN

DIRECTOR LEWIS WILLIAMS

Independent Television Sport Production

3.00 Launder and Gilliat: The Rake's Progress

REX HARRISON
LILLI PALMER
GODFREY TEARLE

FILM Inspired by Hogarth's famous prints, this is the story of a personality and a period, of a man and an era. The man is Vivian Kenway, reckless, charming and carefree. The era is that kaleidoscopic, changing, irresponsibly crowded time between the world wars. This Rake, who is his own worst enemy, sets out in life to make good, filled with youthful enthusiasm and ambition. But he finds that the smug complacency of the world around him sickens him and he decides that if he can't succeed he will go downhill fast.

Made in black and white

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Vivian Kenway
Rikki Krausner
Col Kenway
Sandy Duncan
Jennifer Calthrop

Rex Harrison
Lilli Palmer
Godfrey Tearle
Griffith Jones
Margaret Johnston
Guy Middleton
Jean Kent
Marie Lohr
Garry Marsh
David Horne
Alan Wheatley
Brefni O'Rourke
Charles Victor
Joan Maude

SCREENPLAY FRANK LAUNDER,
SIDNEY GILLIAT
FROM A STORY BY VAL VALENTINE
DIRECTORS FRANK LAUNDER,
SIDNEY GILLIAT



Fancy Boxing Day at the races? Visit Kempton at 12.55.

BOXING DAY



Central

1.30pm First Annual Stuntman Awards

An American production that honours the men and women who risk their lives to create spectacular stunts for films and television. Clips from the award-winning stunts are featured in a show hosted by Lee Majors. The celebrity presenters include Ernest Borgnine, Bruce Boxleitner, Morgan Brittany, Tony Curtis, David Hasselhoff, Jan-Michael Vincent, George Peppard, Burt Reynolds, William Shatner and Lindsay Wagner.

2.40 Feature Film

CHRISTOPHER REEVE
MARGOT KIDDER
GENE HACKMAN
MARLON BRANDO
JACKIE COOPER
GLENN FORD
SUPERMAN

FILM 1948. Jor-El, one of the members of the ruling council of the planet Krypton, successfully prosecutes three traitors, led by General Zod, who have plotted to overthrow the government. But the council refuses to listen to Jor-El when he tells them that Krypton is in imminent danger of falling into its own sun. Just before the destruction, Jor-El and his wife Lara launch their son to Earth, where his dense molecular structure will give him superhuman powers. He becomes Clark Kent, a newspaper reporter, but when needed to fight crime or avert national disaster he becomes Superman, with all his father's knowledge programmed into him.

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Clark Kent/Superman

Lois Lane	Margot Kidder
Lex Luthor	Gene Hackman
Jor-El	Marlon Brando
Perry	Jackie Cooper
Kent	Glenn Ford
First Elder	Trevor Howard
Eve	Valerie Perrine
Gen Zod	Terence Stamp
Martha Kent	Phyllis Thaxter
Lara	Susannah York
Young Clark Kent	Jeff East
Otis	Ned Beatty

SCREENPLAY MARIO PUZO,
DAVID AND LESLIE NEWMAN,
ROBERT BENTON
DIRECTOR
RICHARD DONNER

5.15 ITN News and Sport

5.30 The Krypton Factor Christmas Celebrity Special

GORDON BURNS

Four of Britain's foremost sports personalities fight to win television's toughest quiz which tests both mental and physical ability. The winner's cheque is donated to charity. Host Gordon Burns introduces: Virginia Holgate, the horsewoman who achieved great victories in the European Championships and at the Badminton Horse Trials and was voted Woman of the Year by the sportwriters; rowing star Beryl Crockford, world champion in the lightweight double sculls; cricketer Richard Ellison, who topped the national and Test bowling averages last summer; and Geoff Thompson, karate's world heavyweight champion and a winner in the World Games.

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RESEARCH DERMOT HORAN
DESIGNER TIM FARMER
DIRECTOR IAN WHITE
PRODUCER DAVID JENKINS
Granada Television Production

6.00 Crossroads

A surprise party at the Hoopers. Adam and Jill play hockey.

For cast, see Monday
WRITER PETER LING

6.30 This is Your Life

EAMONN ANDREWS

The best-kept secret of the Christmas season is finally revealed tonight in this extended version of *This is Your Life* as Eamonn Andrews gives someone the surprise of their life.

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER
BRIAN KLEIN
PROGRAMME CONSULTANT
ROY BOTTOMLEY
DIRECTORS
MICHAEL D KENT, TERRY YARWOOD
PRODUCER MALCOLM MORRIS
Thames Television Production



Virginia Holgate tries to win cash for charity, 5.30.

7.15 Give Us a Clue

MICHAEL PARKINSON
UNA STUBBS
LIONEL BLAIR
JUDITH CHALMERS
FRAZER HINES
IAN OGILVY
JACK WATLING
LIZZIE WEBB
JUNE WHITFIELD

Host Michael Parkinson and team captains Una Stubbs and Lionel Blair invite six celebrities to play charades.
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER DAVID CLARK
Thames Television Production

7.45 Coronation Street — The First Twenty Five Years

On 9 December, 1960, a 12-part drama serial about life in a northern street started on ITV. Twenty five years and 2575 episodes later, *Coronation Street* is a national institution. In this special programme to celebrate the Street's silver jubilee, Tony Warren, who created the serial, revisits the Salford streets that inspired him and talks about the characters whose lives are followed by millions. Illustrated with classic moments from past episodes, viewers from all over the country recall the characters they love and those they love to hate.

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BILL PODMORE
RESEARCH JANICE FINCH,
KINGSLEY FOSTER
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER
DAVID LIDDIMENT
Granada Television Production

8.45 ITN News

9.00 Movie Premiere

LEWIS COLLINS
JUDY DAVIS
RICHARD WIDMARK
EDWARD WOODWARD
WHO DARES WINS

FILM When a British government undercover agent is assassinated while taking part in a CND march, Commander Powell of Scotland Yard's C-13 anti-terrorist squad believes that the People's Lobby is responsible. This radical anti-nuclear group is thought to be planning an attack on a major target and that the

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undercover agent had paid the price for discovering the plan. A new agent is chosen to infiltrate the People's Lobby; he is Captain Peter Skellern of the Special Air Service (SAS).

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Cpt Peter Skellern	Lewis Collins
Frankie Leith	Judy Davis
Secretary of State Curry	Richard Widmark
Comm Powell	Edward Woodward
Gen Ira Potter	Robert Webber
Col Hadley	Tony Doyle
Rod	John Duttine
Bishop Crick	Kenneth Griffith
Jenny Skellen	Rosalind Lloyd
Ryan	Norman Rodway
Maj Steele	Maurice Roëves
Hagen	Bob Sherman
Freund	Albert Portell
Mac	Mark Ryan
Commissioner	Patrick Allen
Mahak	Aharon Ipale
Sir Richard	Paul Freeman
Harkness	Allan Mitchell
Martin	Richard Coleman
Sgt Pope	Nigel Humphreys
Neil	Stephen Bent
Sen Kohoskie	Alan Gifford
Harold Staunton	John Woodnutt
Williamson	Nick Brimble
Mary Tinker	Meg Davis
Melissa	Lynn Miller
Newscasters	Anna Ford
	Bill Hamilton

SCREENPLAY REGINALD ROSE,
BASED ON A BOOK BY
GEORGE MARKSTEIN
DIRECTOR IAN SHARP

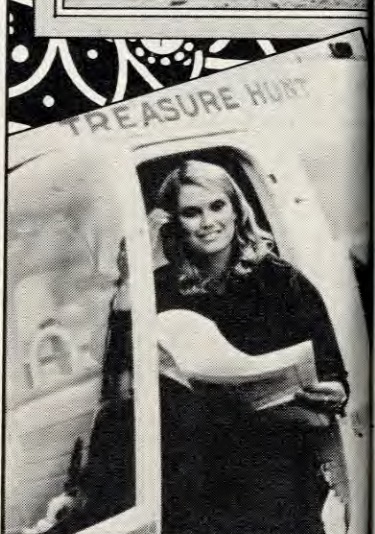
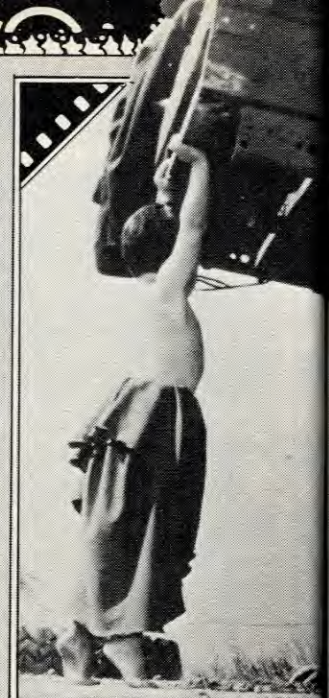
11.20 Dizzy in Concert

DIZZY GILLESPIE
MARIAN MONTGOMERY
BUD SHANK
BENNY GREEN
THE ROYAL PHILHARMONIC
ORCHESTRA

A royal gala performance in aid of the Royal School for the Blind held at the Royal Festival Hall in London in the presence of the Prince and Princess Michael of Kent. The concert, introduced by musician/broadcaster Benny Green, celebrates Dizzy Gillespie's 50 years as a jazz trumpeter and includes a number of his own compositions arranged for the orchestra, conducted by Robert Farnon. Also appearing are singer Marian Montgomery, accompanied by her husband, pianist/conductor Laurie Holloway, and the celebrated American jazz flautist Bud Shank who displays his virtuosity in an orchestral arrangement of *Body and Soul*, conducted by Vic Lewis. American Bill Holman conducts his own composition *Theme and Variations*. Leader of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra is Barry Griffiths. The music associate is Ray Monk.

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER
CHRISTOPHER PALMER
Thames Television Production

12.20am Closedown



7.00

Stand by for take off with intrepid Annela Rice, then follow her on the trail of clues in a glittering *Treasure Hunt*. Channel Four.



9.00

Staring danger in the face: Captain Peter Skellern (Lewis Collins) and Frankie Leith (Judy Davis). Watch *'Who Dares Wins'* on ITV.



2.40

Superkid (Jeff East) with Phyllis Thaxter, Glenn Ford, becomes Clark Kent, alias 'Superman' (Christopher Reeve). See ITV.



7.45

Minnie Caldwell (Margot Bryant) **Jack Walker** (Arthur Leslie), **Ena Sharples** (Violet Carson), **Martha Longhurst** (Lynne Carol, inset). Look back on 'Coronation Street' — the First Twenty Five Years' with ITV.



6.30

Cue for a laugh? Max Boyce and Emlyn Hughes join snooker ace Steve Davis (centre) for 'A Frame With Davis'. Why not pot the black on Channel Four?



5.20pm Christmas Cracker

A seasonal animated film that has won seven awards.

5.30 Incantation: Music of the Andes

Mike Taylor
Tony Hinnigan
Forbes Henderson
Simon Rogers
Chris Swinbank

Following the chart success of their hit single *Cacharpaya*, Incantation — five classically trained musicians — travel to South America to play and record their music at the ancient Inca sites of Bolivia and Peru. The music is accompanied by breathtaking photography of the Andes and Lake Titicaca. The programme starts in London at the world-famous Ballet Rambert.

PRODUCER/DIRECTORS
BILL GAMON, TONY MORRISON
Straitface Films Production

6.30 News Summary and Weather

followed by

NEW SERIES

A Frame With Davis

STEVE DAVIS
MAX BOYCE
EMLYN HUGHES

In the opening frame of this series being shown over the holiday period, the guests are former Liverpool and England footballer Emlyn Hughes and comedian and Welsh rugby fanatic Max Boyce. Steve Davis is the host, referee and part-time coach.

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EXECUTIVE PRODUCER JEREMY FOX
DIRECTOR LEN CAYNES
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BOXING DAY



Everyone leans on formidable Agnes (Katharine Hepburn) — including Julia (Lee Remick). 'A Delicate Balance', 10.00.

7.00 Treasure Hunt Special

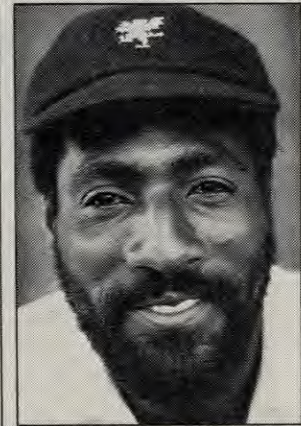
KENNETH KENDALL
ANNEKA RICE
Wincey Willis

A spectacular sequence of events make for a very special Christmas edition of 'Treasure Hunt' from Florida, USA, preceding a new series starting next week. The Russell family guide skyrunner Anneka Rice around a course of five clues by untangling cryptic verses and phrases to get her to the final treasure on time. Creative associate is Anne Evans.

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DIRECTOR CHRIS GAGE
PRODUCERS MALCOLM HEYWORTH,
PETER HOLMANS
Chatsworth Television Production

8.00 Viv

A warm and beguiling portrait of cricketer Viv Richards, the best of today's batsmen, and among the greatest of all time. This film recalls his youth through scenes shot in Antigua and includes interviews with his father and those who discovered him. Richards is also filmed during his first series as captain of the West Indies team, during the second Test in Barbados and at play for his county, Somerset. Ian Botham, Jeff Thomson and Bob Willis are some of the important figures



Portrait of a great batsman. Cheer peerless 'Viv' at 8.00.

who contribute to this incisive portrayal of the man and his game. Commentator is Darcus Howe.

CAMERA ROY PAGE
EDITOR CHRISTOPHER SPENCER
DIRECTOR GREG LANNING
PROGRAMME EDITORS
DARCUS HOWE, TARIQ ALI
Bandung Productions

9.00 Golden Hours and Sad Partings VILLERS-SUR-MER

Childhood memories of seaside holiday golden days and, at the end, sad partings still remain with many of us — days when the sun was always shining, the sand always warm, or so it seems now. This is a film about those memories and the way they are evoked in a small seaside resort in Normandy called Villers-sur-Mer, in its recent and more violent history and in its present.

CAMERA NICK HALE
FILM EDITOR DAVID WOODWARD
PRODUCER ADAM SINGER
WRITER/DIRECTOR JOHN PETT
Daytime Television Production

10.00 to 12.30am A Delicate Balance

KATHARINE HEPBURN
PAUL SCOFFIELD
LEE REMICK

FILM A middle-class Connecticut family is dominated by the matriarchal Agnes, who supports her hesitant husband Tobias and her seemingly alcoholic sister, Claire. One evening, friends and neighbours Harry and Edna arrive, asking to stay the night and evidently prey to some indefinable fear. Next day, Agnes's daughter Julia arrives... See page 38

Agnes Katharine Hepburn
Tobias Paul Scofield
Julia Lee Remick
Claire Kate Reid
Harry Joseph Cotten
Edna Betsy Blair

SCREENPLAY EDWARD ALBEE,
FROM HIS OWN PLAY
DIRECTOR TONY RICHARDSON

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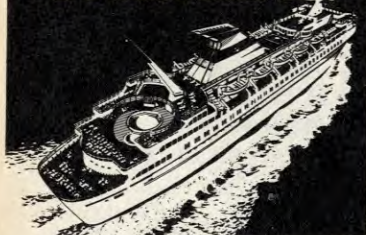
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Central

6.15 TV-am: Good Morning Britain

ANNE DIAMOND
MIKE MORRIS

Special panto guest, Rod Hull.

News Bulletin: Gordon

Honeycombe 7.00, 8.00, 9.00.

Weather with Wincey Willis
6.58, 7.58, 8.58.

Sport: Richard Keys 6.35, 7.34.

TV-am's Celebrity Clips. A special feature looking back at the best celebrity interviews over the past year. This, the first of a two-part programme, features interviews with the stars, including Bette Midler, Lauren Bacall, Dudley Moore, Little Richard, Bob Hope, Benny Hill, Sting, Patrick Duffy and many others.

Wacaday 9.04.

With Timmy Mallett and Terry from *Are You Awake Yet?* Transformers, pop videos, Terry's Christmas Gallery and your chance to tell us a Christmas Cracker.

9.25

Fraggle Rock THE GREAT RADISH FAMINE

When all the radishes disappear suddenly from the Gorgs' garden, the civilisation of Fraggles nearly comes to an end. So what do the Doozers do? They knit! Fulton Mackay plays the Captain. ‡
DIRECTOR GEORGE BLOOMFIELD

9.50 Worldwide

DAVID JENSEN

Travel the world before lunch! The fast-moving, hi-tech travel quiz takes off a little earlier this week. Programming the computer from his neon pod the Controller — David Jensen — attempts to find out which of the teams of best friends is *Worldwide*, as they travel from place to place clocking up mileage as they go.

DEVISER TIM GRAHAM
DESIGNER QUENTIN CHASES
ASSOCIATE PRODUCER
TIM EDMUNDS
DIRECTOR MIKE ADAMS
TVS Production

All programmes are in colour
unless otherwise stated



Maximilian Schell (right), as Capt Hanson, drinks to the success of a seaborne treasure-hunting mission. With him (from left) are Brian Keith, Barbara Werle, John Leyton, Jacqui Chan, Sal Mineo, Rossano Brazzi and Diane Baker. 'Volcano' erupts at 10.40.

10.10 The Merrie Melodies Show

Cartoon fun and games, with Elmer Fudd in *Doggone People*, Speedy and Sylvester in *Mexican Boarders* and Speedy and Daffy in *Swing Ding Amigos*.

10.40 to 1.00 Morning Cinema

MAXIMILIAN SCHELL
VOLCANO

In Singapore in 1883, Captain Chris Hanson sets sail in the *Batavia Queen* in

search of sunken treasure near the volcanic island of Krakatoa. Among those on board are 30 prisoners who are to be dropped off on another island. When the *Batavia Queen* reaches Krakatoa, events pile up. For one thing, the sunken hull is spotted by balloonists, who are rescued after their balloon catches fire from the volcano. For another, the convicts attempt a mutiny. Then Krakatoa, which has been erupting for some time, blows up completely. While Connerly and others seek the illusory safety of dry land, the

bolder spirits attempt to ride out the resultant tidal wave on board the *Batavia Queen*.

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Hanson	Maximilian Schell
Laura	Diane Baker
Charley	Barbara Werle
Connerly	Brian Keith
Rigby	John Leyton
Giovanni	Rossano Brazzi
Leoncavallo	Sal Mineo
Danzig	J D Cannon
Toshi	Jacqui Chan
Jacobs	Marc Lawrence
Sailor	Geoffrey Holder

SCREENPLAY CLIFFORD GOULD,
BERNARD GORDON
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**1.00pm
News at One**

LEONARD PARKIN

Latest international news, plus Financial Times share index and weather outlook.

**1.20
Magic, Magic**

More mystifying magic from some of the world's greatest magicians.

**1.30
Central Cinema**

JIM DALE
SPIKE MILLIGAN
ANGELA DOUGLAS
DIGBY — THE BIGGEST DOG IN THE WORLD

FILM Jeff Eldon is a member of a scientific research team that has produced a powder capable of making an ordinary cucumber swell to 25 feet long. Circumstances arise whereby an old English sheepdog named Digby swallows what appears to be a saucer of milk, but is in fact the powder mixed with water. Almost immediately, Digby begins to increase in size. And he goes on growing... until he's absolutely gigantic...

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Jeff Eldon	Jim Dale
Dr Harz	Spike Milligan
Janine	Angela Douglas
Jerry	John Bluthal
Tom	Norman Rossington
Dr Jameson	Milo O'Shea
Billy White	Richard Beaumont
Col Masters	Dinsdale Landen
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The Great Manzini	Bob Todd
Assistant	Margaret Stuart
Aunt Ina	Molly Urquhart
Dog home manager	

Estate agent	Victor Maddern
General's aide	Frank Thornton
Grandfather	Sandra Caron
Army captain	Edward Underdown
Control operator	Ben Aris
	Sheila Steafel

SCREENPLAY MICHAEL PERTWEE
DIRECTOR JOSEPH McGRATH



The frantic five — Carl, Maurice, Graham, Albert and Robin — plus the memorable Mandy, make everyone merry with 'The Grumbleweeds Christmas Show'. Watch at 6.30.

3.10 Chocky's Children

BY JOHN WYNDHAM

DRAMATISED BY ANTHONY READ
Special compilation of the serial shown earlier this year. Matthew goes to stay with his Aunt Cissie for the summer holidays and meets Albertine Meyer — a young girl who is a mathematical genius. She also excels at pottery and makes a model which is exactly like Chocky's home. When Albertine disappears it is up to Matthew, with Chocky's help, to try to find her.

Matthew	Andrew Ellams
Albertine	Anabel Worrell
David	James Hazeldine
Mary	Carol Drinkwater
Polly	Zoe Hart
Cissie	Angela Galbraith
Meyer	Prentis Hancock
Deacon	Ed Bishop
Luke	Michael Crompton
Landis	Jeremy Bulloch
Police sergeant	

Doctor	Sidney Livingstone
Chocky's voice	Brian De Salvo
	Glynis Brooks

DESIGNER DAVID RICHENS

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

PAMELA LONSDALE

PRODUCER VIC HUGHES

DIRECTORS PETER DUGUID,

VIC HUGHES

Thames Television Production

5.15 Wild Rides

This programme hosted by American teen star Matt Dillon brings to the screen a quest for the ultimate roller coaster ride. From Coney Island to California the show provides thrills and suspense with its hair-raising footage. Music from The Who, Jimi Hendrix, The Cars, Steve Miller and Steely Dan adds to the visual excitement.

News at 5.45

6.00 Used Cars

Comedy about two used-car salesmen who operate just on the edge of reality from their lot outside Las Vegas.

Rudy Russo	Fred McCarren
Jeff Kirkwood	Clayton Landey
Barbara Fuchs	Deborah Harmon
Jim	Frank McRae

6.30 The Grumbleweeds Christmas Show

The top comedy group are back with a fast-moving mixture of seasonal sketches, songs and impressions. The frantic five — Robin, Graham, Maurice, Carl and Albert — introduce many new characters, as well as re-creating old familiar favourites.

DESIGNER NICK KING
DIRECTOR DAVE WARWICK
PRODUCER JOHN HAMP
Granada Television Production

7.00 Me & My Girl

RICHARD O'SULLIVAN

Tim Brooke-Taylor

Joan Sanderson

Raymond Francis

FARAWAY PLACES

BY JOHN KANE

Samantha is unwell and the doctor orders a holiday. But

Simon can't afford it — until a grateful client offers a cut-price trip abroad in return for a business favour. It all sounds just a little too good to be true...

Simon Harrap	Richard O'Sullivan
Sharon Barrie	Suzanne Church
Isobel McClusky	Sandra Clark
Samantha Harrap	Joanne Ridley
Ernestine Hargreaves	Lois Butlin
Liz	Joanne Campbell
Nell Cresset	Joan Sanderson
Derek Yates	Tim Brooke-Taylor
Pinky Harrington	

Raymond Francis

**7.30
Movie Premiere**

GREG EVIGAN

NORTESTAR

FILM Astronaut Major Jack North is working on the outside of a space shuttle when a violent solar eruption bombards him with glowing shafts of ultraviolet rays and he is rendered unconscious. Back on Earth, North shows signs of amazing high-speed dexterity and his IQ is increased to 1000 whenever he is exposed to sunlight...

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Maj Jack North	Greg Evigan
Dr Alison Taylor	

Evan Marshall	Deborah Wakeham
Dr Carl Janss	Mitchell Ryan
Dr Bill Harlow	Mason Adams
Becker	David Hayward
Jane Harlow	Sonny Landham
First FBI man	Robin Curtis
Second FBI man	Richard Garrison
Davis	Steven Williams
	Ken Foree

TELEPLAY HOWARD LAKIN

DIRECTOR PETER LEVIN

8.45 ITN News

**9.00
Coming Through**

BY ALAN PLATER

KENNETH BRANAGH

HELEN MIRREN

It is one of the great love stories of the 20th century — and one of the major scandals. In 1912, D H Lawrence and Frieda Weekley met, fell in love and within weeks had eloped. Frieda abandoned her husband and three children, and their affair shocked society. Music by Marc Wilkinson.

D H Lawrence	Kenneth Branagh
Frieda Weekley	Helen Mirren
Kate	Alison Steadman

David	Philip Martin Brown
Jessie Chambers	Felicity Montagu
Alice Dax	Fiona Victory
William Hopkin	Norman Rodway
Sallie Hopkin	Alison King
Lydia Lawrence	Lynn Farleigh
Arthur Lawrence	Malcolm Story
Young Lawrence	
	Robin Paul Bassford
	Ernest Weekley

Weekley children	Benjamin Whitrow
	Sebastian Ross
	Elizabeth Brice
	Camilla Aspey

CAMERA PETER GREENHALGH

FILM EDITOR KEVIN LESTER

DESIGNER KEN RYAN

DIRECTOR

PETER BARBER-FLEMING

PRODUCER DEIRDRE KEIR

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

TED CHILDS

Central Production

10.30 Clive James in Dallas

CLIVE JAMES

The Aussie investigator goes in search of the city... not the larger than life TV series. But what if the city is like the series? Clive James meets some of the powerful men and glamorous women of Dallas and, for a few days, enjoys their lifestyle.

EDITOR ARTHUR SOLOMON

DIRECTORS TERENCE DONOVAN

RICHARD DREWETT

LWT Production

11.30 Status Quo — End of The Road

This concert was recorded during the band's historic farewell at the Milton Keynes Bowl on 21 July, 1984. Band members Francis Rossi, Rick Parfitt, Alan Lancaster, Peter Kirchel and Andy Bown went out in style as they played to a packed stadium, including such hits as *Whatever You Want*, *Rocking All Over the World* and *What You're Proposing*.

**12.40am
Closedown**

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Programmes as Central except:

TVS 6.00 to 6.30 Coast to Coast.

GRANADA 6.00 to 6.30 Granada

Reports; 12.35 to 1.25am TJ Hooker.

YORKSHIRE 6.00 to 6.30 Calendar.

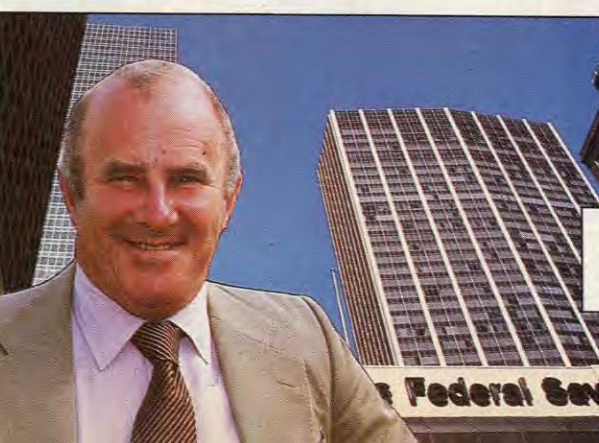
HTV 6.00 to 6.30 HTV News.

THAMES/LWT 6.00 Thames News

Headlines; 6.15 to 6.30 Police 5.

ANGLIA 6.00 to 6.30 About Anglia.

JR watch out — CJ has hit town! And you at home must watch out tonight for 'Clive James in Dallas'. See 10.30.



Colour TVs, videos
dishwashers
freezers to
be won
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7.30

Pop star Bob Geldof leads the fight against famine in Africa. 'And Tonight Thank God It's Them Instead of You', Channel Four.



9.00

A love story that shocked a nation: Frieda Weekley (Helen Mirren) and D H Lawrence (Kenneth Branagh) in 'Coming Through'. Watch ITV.



9.40

A dynamic lady of many talents, here with Bryan Adams — 'Tina Turner: Private Dancer Tour 1985'. See Channel Four.

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11.00am Christ Stopped at Eboli

JULIE WALTERS
JOOLZ

Continuing the four-part story of Carlo Levi, the young doctor who, in the 1930s, was banished to Gagliano, a remote mountain village in Southern Italy, for his opposition to Fascism. Part three tomorrow.

For cast, see Thursday 26 December

12.00 Bim Le Petit Ane



Little Abdallah lives on an island in the Middle East. Fearing that he will be forced to part with his donkey, Abdallah flees with it in tow... A French film with English subtitles.

Made in black and white

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SCREENPLAY/NARRATOR
JACQUES PREVERT
DIRECTOR ALBERT LAMORISSE

1.00 Channel Four Racing

from Kempton Park

Introduced by Brough Scott

1.10 Ladbroke Novices' H'cap Hurdle (2m)

1.40 Ladbroke H'cap Chase (2m)

2.10 Feltham Novices' Chase (3m)

2.40 Avenue H'Cap Hurdle (2m 4f)

3.05 Launder and Gilliat: Millions Like Us

ERIC PORTMAN



The scene is 1940 and wartime. The Crowson family is broken up as each of its members takes up war work. Celia, the baby and the drudge of the family, is called up for factory work away from home. She sets off full of hopes and fears for her new life ahead...

Made in black and white

See page 38

Charlie Forbes Eric Portman
Celia Crowson Patricia Roc
Fred Blake Gordon Jackson
Jennifer Knowles Anne Crawford
Phyllis Crowson Joy Shelton
Owen Price Megs Jenkins
Annie Earnshaw Terry Randal
Charters Basil Radford
Landlady Irene Handl

SCREENPLAY/DIRECTORS
FRANK LAUNDER, SIDNEY GILLIAT

5.00 Citizen 2000

JOANNE: A BELFAST CHILD

Joanne was born in a small terraced house in east Belfast in 1982. She plays out in the back alley, where she can hold her own with the boys. Her father is unemployed but determined there will be a decent life for his family in troubled Belfast.

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5.30 That's Street Entertainment 1985

Channel Four's traditional Christmas-time visit to the Festival of Street Entertainers in Covent Garden, London. Musicians, jugglers, magicians, clown and acrobats vie for Time Out magazine's Street Entertainer of the Year Award.

FILM EDITOR HOWARD SHARP

PRODUCER JO LUSTIG

DIRECTOR TED CLISBY

Jo Lustig Production

6.30 A Frame With Davis

STEVE DAVIS
BERNIE CLIFTON
BOBBY DAVRO

The accent is on comedy in today's programme. Steve's guests are Bernie Clifton and impressionist Bobby Davro.

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7.30 'And Tonight Thank God It's Them Instead of You'

A TUBE SPECIAL REPORT

BOB GELDOF
PAULA YATES

This programme looks at the making of Band Aid's single, *Do They Know It's Christmas?*, goes backstage at Wembley during the Live Aid concert and reports on the progress made by the Live Aid Trust to combat famine in Ethiopia and the Sudan.

DIRECTORS
GAVIN TAYLOR,
GEOFF WOLFORD

PRODUCERS
JOHN GWYN,
KEN SCORFIELD
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
MALCOLM GERRIE

Tyne Tees Television Production

8.30 Max Headroom

MATT FREWER
NICKOLAS GRACE

This film launched one of 1985's most charismatic TV personalities. Max Headroom is the world's first computer-generated TV presenter. The time is 20 minutes into the future, the story how Edison

Carter took on the might of Network 23 bosses, discovered the truth about Blipverts and had his brain patterns reproduced to give Max a mind. Music is by Midge Ure and Chris Cross. ‡

Edison Carter	Matt Frewer
Grossman	Nickolas Grace
Dominique	Hilary Tindall
Blank Reg	Morgan Shepherd
Theora Jones	Amanda Pays
Bryce Lynch	Paul Spurrier
Breugal	Hilton McRae
Mahler	George Rossi
Murray	Roger Sloman
Gorrister	Anthony Dutton
Ben Cheviot	Constantine Gregory
Edwards	Lloyd McGuire
Ms Formby	Elizabeth Richardson
Ashwell	Gary Hope

WRITER STEVE ROBERTS

PRODUCER PETER WAGG

DIRECTORS ROCKY MORTON,

ANNABEL JANKEL

Chrysalis Production

9.40 Tina Turner: Private Dancer Tour 1985

TINA TURNER

guests BRYAN ADAMS
DAVID BOWIE

Tina Turner's extraordinary talent is captured in a sensational one-hour television special, featuring guest appearances by Bryan Adams and rock superstar David Bowie, at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham.

EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS

ROGER DAVIES, SCOTT MILLANEY

PRODUCER JACQUI BYFORD

DIRECTOR DAVID MALLETT

Zenith Productions

10.45 Launder and Gilliat: I See a Dark Stranger

DEBORAH KERR
TREVOR HOWARD

FILM In the early years of World War Two, Bridie

Quilty, an Irish girl, becomes the pawn of a Nazi agent and is involved in the escape of a Nazi spy from a British prison...

Made in black and white

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Bridie Quilty	Deborah Kerr
Lt David Bayne	Trevor Howard
Miller	Raymond Huntley
Timothy	Liam Redmond
Hawkins	Michael Howard
Capt Goodhusband	Garry Marsh
Straw hat man	Norman Shelley
O'Callaghan	Brefni O'Rourke
Danny Quilty	W G O'Gorman
Steve	George Woodbridge

SCREENPLAY FRANK LAUNDER,

SIDNEY GILLIAT

DIRECTOR FRANK LAUNDER

12.50 to 1.25am The Telephone Box

Macabre Spanish film about a man getting stuck in a telephone box.

WRITER/DIRECTOR
ANTONIO MERCERO

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PONTIN'S
HOLIDAYS

David Quinlan and Kevin Wilson preview the rest of the films on Central which take you up to and into the New Year. Previews of other ITV films this season can be found on pages 38 and 47. Channel Four viewers can plan their week from page 38.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Yanks

ITV 9.00pm-10.30pm
10.45pm-11.45pm

There are many pleasurable things in this long John Schlesinger film, not least the way in which it flawlessly recreates the life of an English town in 1943. Schlesinger directs with great affection for the time and place (the north of England) and a keen eye and ear for the right sights and sounds. And he gets well-sustained performances from his principal players, Richard Gere, Lisa Eichhorn, William Devane and Tony Melody. Vanessa Redgrave and Rachel Roberts are less consistent, though they have their affecting moments, Rachel Roberts really looking painfully close to death when she is supposed to be. Scenes of a ballroom dance, a children's party and a mass farewell on a station (could one small town boast quite so many girls?) are reminiscent of such American films of that time as *Since You Went Away*. The period is captured to perfection. 1979

NEW YEAR'S DAY

The Ten Commandments

ITV 1.05pm-5.00pm

British TV premiere of this Biblical film. Cecil B DeMille's last film (he made his first in 1913) is a remake of the epic he first directed in 1923. Even then the parting of the Red Sea (in early colour) was impressive, but, with the benefit of more modern special effects, DeMille was able to turn in a really spectacular job, and the sequence won the film an Oscar. The movie was also nominated as best picture of the year, but surprisingly lost out to *Around the World in 80 Days*. The writing of the tablets in the wilderness is also a highlight of a film that remains a supreme example of vivid Hollywood storytelling at its best, with Charlton Heston in towering form as Moses. Financially, too (unlike some of today's free-spending directors), DeMille knew exactly what he was about. The film cost 13 million dollars, and grossed almost four times that amount. 1956

Oracle subtitles for the hard-of-hearing on ITV and Channel Four programmes this week

* denotes Channel Four

SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER

5.05 Brookside*
6.30 Bronco Billy
6.40 A Frame With Davis*
9.00 Blue Money

SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER

5.00 Citizen 2000*
8.15 92 Grosvenor Street

MONDAY 30 DECEMBER

5.00 Pattern of Roses*
6.30 A Frame With Davis*
7.00 Wish You Were Here...?
7.30 Coronation Street

NEW YEAR'S EVE

5.30 Supermilers*
6.30 A Frame With Davis*
8.30 London Belongs To Me*

NEW YEAR'S DAY

6.30 A Frame With Davis*
7.00 Coronation Street

THURSDAY 2 JANUARY

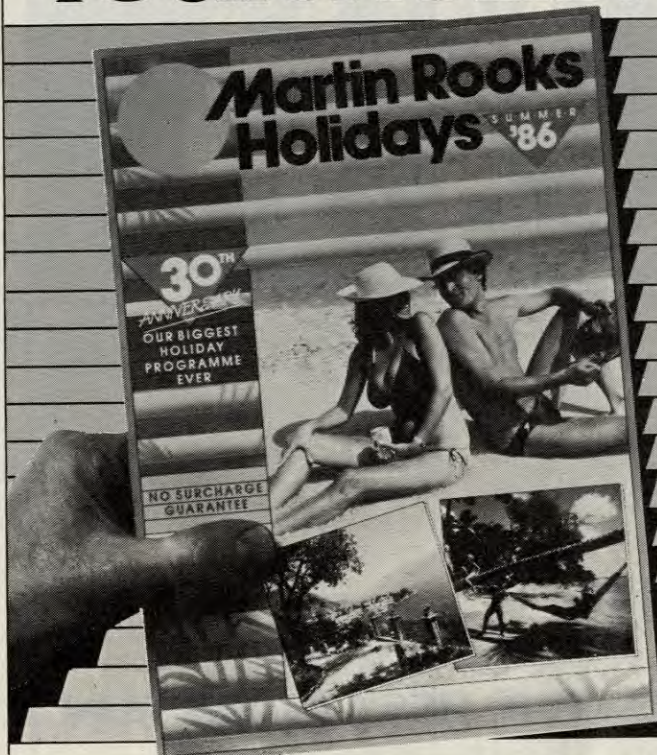
4.15 The Adventures of Little Lord Fauntleroy
6.30 A Frame With Davis*
8.00 Treasure Hunt*

FRIDAY 3 JANUARY

8.30 Gardeners' Calendar*

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Central

6.55 TV-am:
Good Morning
Britain

MIKE MORRIS

Weather with David Philpott 6.58,
news read by David Foster 7.00,
regional report 7.08, sport with
Mike Morris 7.15.

7.30
THE WIDE AWAKE CLUB
TOMMY BOYD
ARABELLA WARNER
JAMES BAKER

Make sure you're wide awake
with Tommy, Arabella and James
in another action-packed
programme with special guests
appearing throughout the show.
Paul Jackson returns with more
ideas for paper folding freaks.
Plus another chance to test your
spelling skills in Bonk 'n' Boob.
More spooky tales from Ghosts,
Monsters and Legends and a one-
minute mystery for you to solve.
Fun food ideas for lunch boxes
and parties in Wac Snax and other
capers with Flipper and another
adventure with the Gobots. Plus
news at 8.25 and weather. To join
The Wide Awake Club, send a
sae to WAC, TV-am, PO Box 200,
London NW1 8QT.

PRODUCER NICK WILSON
TV-am Production

9.25 Knock Your
Block Off

STEVE BLACKNELL

Steve Blacknell with
contestants from Willow High
and Llanishen High Schools,
Cardiff, versus Heysham High
and Morecambe High Schools
in Lancaster in a special
festive edition of the show
that puts the whiz into quiz.
Plus hectic fun from the
Brains and the Bodgers.
Produced in association with
Chatsworth Television. And,
as a festive bonus, there's
cartoon fun from Mickey
Mouse and Daffy Duck

between rounds.
PROGRAMME ASSOCIATE
PETER MATTHEWS
DIRECTOR RICHARD BRADLEY
PRODUCER PETER HARRIS
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
PETER HOLMANS
Central Production

10.05 Disney at
Christmas

TWO CHIPS AND A MISS

Mischief and fun with two
rascally chipmunks called
Chip 'n' Dale.

10.15 Saturday
Morning Cinema

PAUL DEAN
TED BROWN
CAREY BORN
BAY WHITE
JULIAN BATTERSBY
WILLIAM BOYDE

TREASURES OF THE SNOW

FILM Lucien, a lonely,
frightened 13-
year-old, is
overtaken by catastrophic
events and finds himself an
outcast from family,
schoolfriends, and especially
from the hostile Annette, who
lives on the neighbouring
farm in the Swiss Alps.
Determined to escape, the
fugitive boy finds peace high
up in the forest, where he
meets an old woodcarver.

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Lucien Paul Dean
Woodcarver Ted Brown
Annette Carey Born
Grandmother Bay White
M Givet Julian Battersby
M Burnier William Boyde
Dani Timothy Fleetwood
Marie Bethan Catherwood

SCREENPLAY/DIRECTOR
MIKE PRITCHARD

12.00 ITN News

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12.05
Saint & Greavsie

It's farewell to 1985 with Ian St
John and Jimmy Greaves as



Steve Blacknell makes sure the contestants don't lose their
heads when he invites them to 'Knock Your Block Off' 9.25.

the cheery pair remember
some of the sporting moments
of the year.

PRODUCTION TEAM TONY MILLS,
ANDREW DRUMMOND
DIRECTOR TED AYLING
EDITOR BOB PATIENCE
Independent Television Sport

12.30 Wrestling

from Battersea Town Hall,
London

British Lightweight

Championships: Steve Grey
(Peckham, champion) v Mike
'Flash' Jordan (Manchester) —
Jordan, who came close to
taking Danny Collins'
welterweight title, hopes for
better luck in his lightweight
battle with Grey.

International Heavyweight:
Indio Guayaro (Peru) v Pete
Roberts (Chatham) — 'Super
Destroyer' Roberts faces a
tough test against the
aggressive South American,
who is making his first
appearance on British
television.

COMMENTATOR KENT WALTON
DIRECTOR JOHN SCRIMINGER
PRODUCER MICHAEL ARCHER
ITV Production

1.20 Airwolf

JAN-MICHAEL VINCENT
AN AMERICAN DREAM

Adventure series featuring the
super-helicopter Airwolf and
its fearless pilot Stringfellow
Hawke. Hawke helps an old
war buddy whose family and
friends are terrorised by a
former Vietnamese warlord.

Stringfellow Hawke

Jan-Michael Vincent
Dominic Santini Ernest Borgnine
Caitlin O'Shannessy

Jean Bruce Scott
Soon-Teck Oh
Marilyn Tokuda
John Fujioka
Nell Datto Anderson
Sonny Trinidad

Minh
Mai
Tru
Sama
Diem

2.15
International
Darts

The MFI British Open

Introduced by Dickie Davies
from the Rainbow Suite,
Kensington, London

Last year John Cosnett, 34,
was the shock winner of the
title after turning professional
on the strength of a £2000
Government Enterprise
Scheme grant. Since then he
has struggled to find his best
form and now faces a top-
flight field in the biggest
single-day event in the world.
His challengers include
former winners Eric Bristow
(1978, 1981, 1983), John Lowe
(1977), Cliff Lazarenko (1980,
1984) and Jocky Wilson (1982).
The world's outstanding
woman player, Linda Batten,
defends the ladies' crown.
Commentator is Dave
Lanning.

EDITOR JEFF FOULSER
DIRECTOR TED AYLING
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
STUART McCONACHIE
Independent Television Sport Production

4.15 to 4.45
Small Wonder

THE BULLY

Comedy about a young girl,
Vicki, who is really a robot.
Jamie prepares to run for
president of his club, the
Fearless Five, but his plans
are disrupted when the local
bully, Ernie, drops in on a
club meeting. Vicki decides
to teach Ernie a lesson.

Ted Lawson
Joan Lawson
Jamie Lawson
Vicki
Harriet Brindle
Reggie
Willard
Billy
Kevin
Ernie

Dick Christie
Marla Pennington
Jerry Supiran
Tiffany Brissette
Emily Schulman
Paul C Scott
Brent Chalam
Bryan Price
Michael Bacall
Bobby Jacob

11.00am Christ
Stopped at Eboli

Continuing the story of Carlo
Levi, the young doctor
banished to a remote
mountain village in southern
Italy, in the Thirties, for his
opposition to Fascism.

For cast, see Thursday 26
December

11.50 Terminus

FILM This documentary
film deals with
24 hectic hours
in the life of a busy mainline
railway station.

Made in black and white

See page 38

SCREENPLAY/DIRECTOR
JOHN SCHLESINGER

12.30 Channel
Four Racing

from Ayr and Newcastle

Introduced by Derek
Thompson and Jim McGrath

12.45 Ayr Ladbroke Novices'
H'cap Hurdle (2m)

1.00 Newcastle Philip Comes
Novices' Hurdle (Qualifier)
(2m 4f)

1.15 Ayr Melleray's Belle
Challenge Cup (H'cap Chase)
(3m 3f 40yd)

1.30 Newcastle Northumbria
Novices' Chase (3m)

1.45 Ayr Arpax 80 H'cap
Hurdle (2m)

2.00 Newcastle Game Bird
H'cap Chase (2m 4f)

Race commentators are
Graham Goode and John
Penney; betting and results
from John Tyrrel.

EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

MARK JACKSON

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

ANDREW FRANKLIN

DIRECTORS CLIFF MARTIN,

JOHN REAY

Independent Television Sport Production

2.10 The London
Nobody Knows

JAMES MASON

FILM Does a city such
as London really
have a heart?

James Mason finds out as he
seeks out places even the
most convinced Londoner
does not know or has
overlooked, including the
derelict Bedford Theatre,
once a thriving music hall.
Based on the book by
Geoffrey Fletcher.

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DIRECTOR
NORMAN COHEN



Linda Batten and John Cosnett defend their British Open
Darts titles. Will they be this year's top double? 2.15.

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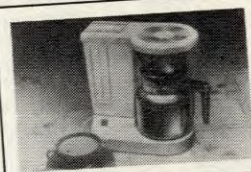
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5.00 ITN News

5.05 Disney at Christmas BIG BAD WOLF

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5.15 Copy Cats

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with GARY WILMOT
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soap-opera stars meet at the Rovers Return, where Bet doesn't appear to be quite herself — and Jack Duckworth receives an offer he finds it impossible to refuse. Writers are Russel Lane and Andrew O'Connor.

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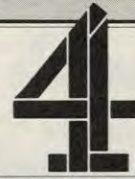
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Gilbert and Sullivan's (Robert Morley, left, and Maurice Evans) ship comes home with 'HMS Pinafore'. But their quarrels soon rock the boat, 3.05.



3.05pm Launder and Gilliat: The Story of Gilbert and Sullivan

ROBERT MORLEY
MAURICE EVANS
PETER FINCH
EILEEN HERLIE
DINAH SHERIDAN

Continuing the season of classic British films by Frank Launder and Sidney Gilliat. Arthur Sullivan, hopeful young composer, and W S Gilbert, a promising librettist, are brought together in 1875 by wily impresario Richard D'Oyly Carte and compose between them a fabulously successful series of operettas. But they are men of opposing temperaments and fiery clashes are inevitable...

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W S Gilbert	Robert Morley
Arthur Sullivan	Maurice Evans
D'Oyly Carte	Peter Finch
Helen D'Oyly Carte	Eileen Herlie
Grace Marston	Dinah Sheridan
George Grossmith	Martyn Green
Mrs Gilbert	Isabel Dean
Marston	Wilfrid Hyde White
Queen Victoria	Muriel Ake
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Jessie Bond	Bernadette O'Farrell

SCREENPLAY SIDNEY GILLIAT,
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6.00 The Puppet Man

ROY HUDD
BILLY DAINTY
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SHAUN CURRY
ALAN TILVERN

END OF SEASON

Walter encounters a travelling showman more eccentric than himself. In Wells, Somerset, he meets members of the oldest Punch and Judy family in England. On the Isle of Avalon, he becomes a medieval troubadour entertaining the Lady of the Mansion and her guests. The season ends and Walter returns to the Cotswolds determined to continue his travels next year. Based on The Peep Show, by Walter Wilkinson. Puppets made by John Wright and animated by Ronnie Le Drew. Last of the series.

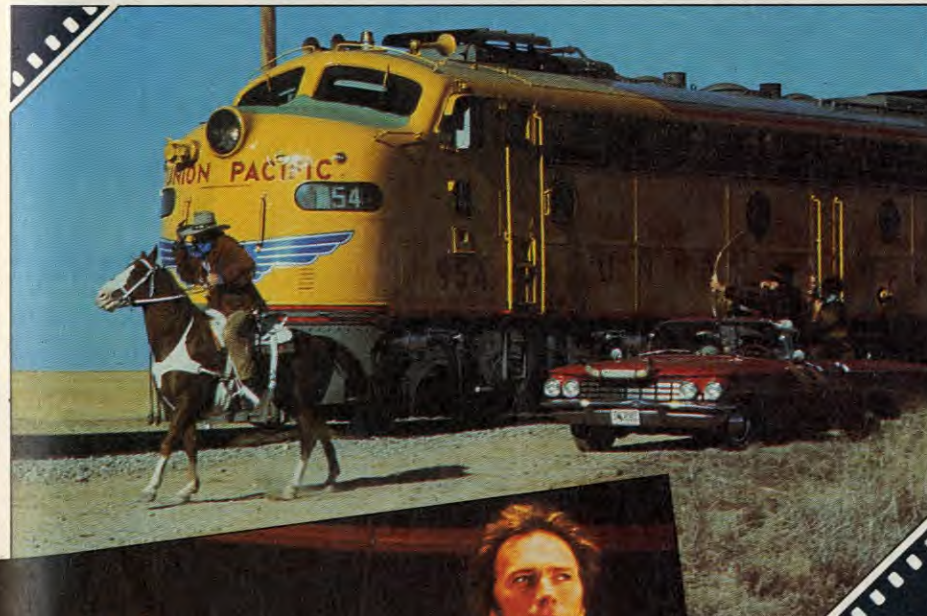
Walter	Roy Hudd
Eccentric showman	Victor Maddern
Conservative woman	Iris Russell
Conservative woman's daughter	Fionn O'Farrell
Farmer Herneman	Alan Tilvern
Granfer	Cameron Miller
Granfer's friend	Stephen Reynolds
Farm worker	David Sivier
Farmer	Graham Hamilton
Mechanic's companion	Christopher Lillcrap
Mechanic	Phillip Reader
Lady of the mansion	Suzanne Neve
	Shaun Curry
	Billy Dainty
	Susan Jameson
Guests and servants	Charles Pemberton
	Iris Russell
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5.05 Brookside

Sheila and Claire visit a know-all Father Christmas. Barry returns home, Billy decides to work over Christmas and Julia fixes up a date with two men. Work threatens to spoil Bobby's holiday. Who is the mysterious girl pursuing Barry?

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When his Wild West show bites the dust, knife-thrower Clint Eastwood carves a new career as a robber in 'Bronco Billy', 6.30.





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6.30pm Saturday Cinema

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BRONCO BILLY

FILM 'Bronco Billy' McCoy finds his patience

increasingly tried holding together his Wild West Show. He also has a rapid turnover of female assistants for his own sharp-shooting and knife-throwing act and is therefore pleased to meet, at one carnival stop, the apparently abandoned and helpless Antoinette Lily. In fact, Antoinette is a New York heiress, on the run from her opportunistic husband whom she married in order to meet the conditions of her father's will.

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Bronco Billy Clint Eastwood
Antoinette Sondra Locke
Arlington Geoffrey Lewis
Doc Lynch Scatman Crothers
Lefty LeBow Bill McKinney
Leonard James Sam Bottoms
Chief Big Eagle Dan Vadis
Lorraine Running Water
Sierra Pecheur
Sheriff Dix Walter Barnes
Dr Canterbury Woodrow Parfrey
Irene Lily Beverlee McKinsey
SCREENPLAY DENNIS HACKIN
DIRECTOR CLINT EASTWOOD

8.45pm ITN News and Sport

9.00 Blue Money

BY STEWART PARKER

TIM CURRY
DEBBY BISHOP
BILLY CONNOLLY
DERMOT CROWLEY
FRANCES TOMELTY

Larry Gormley is a rock 'n' roll freak working as a mini-



Make a date with Maggie and Ronnie and all the other famous faces featured in 'The Second Beast of Spitting Image'.

cab driver while waiting for his 'big break'.

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Larry Gormley Tim Curry
Ramirez George Irving
Letty Sue Wallace
Villain Daniel Webb
Production manager

AFM Geraldine Griffiths
Brogan Georgia Allen
Fidelma Dermot Crowley
Pam Hodge Frances Tomelty
Una Debby Bishop
Barney Siobhan Hayes
Rick Skinner Richard Chadwick
Harry Diamond David Quilter
Andrea John Bird
Clerk Jo Proctor
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Des Paddy Navin
Sales assistant Billy Connolly
Mrs Gormley Kieran Montague
Mary Doreen Keogh
Gerry Lavin Margaret Wade
Ninian Mike McCabe
McMordie Tony Scannell
Policeman Daragh O'Malley
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Sgt Marten Mark Long
Lennox Greaves
DESIGNER MIKE OXLEY
DIRECTOR COLIN BUCKSEY
PRODUCERS JUNE ROBERTS,
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NICK ELLIOTT
LWT Production

10.30 The Second Beast of Spitting Image

Award-winning moments from 1985 that will delight fans everywhere. Not for those of a famous disposition. Puppets created by Luck and Flaw; puppeteers are Anthony Ashbury, Kevin Bradshaw, Alastair Fullarton, Terry Lee, Nigel Plaskett, Frances Wright; voices by Chris Barrie, Harry Enfield, Jon Glover, Jessica Martin, Steve

Cab-driver Larry (Tim Curry) and his friend Pam (Debbie Bishop) look like a million dollars — but they won't enjoy 'Blue Money' for long.



6.40pm News Summary and Weather

followed by

A Frame with Davis

STEVE DAVIS
LENNIE BENNETT
DEREK JAMESON

Two men of words join Steve for frame three of this series — Lennie Bennett, host of Punchlines, and ex-national newspaper editor Derek Jameson, whose snooker style has to be seen to be believed. The next programme is on Monday.

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7.15 The Far Country

JAMES STEWART
RUTH ROMAN
CORINNE CALVET
WALTER BRENNAN

FILM Jeff Webster is one of the silent breed of Westerners who expect help from no one but themselves. When he sets out with his partner, Ben Tatem, to drive a herd of cattle from Wyoming to the Dawson gold fields, he is not expecting a comfortable journey. But neither man anticipates the kind of trouble they encounter en route.

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Jeff Webster James Stewart
Ronda Castle Ruth Roman
Renee Vallon Corinne Calvet
Ben Tatem Walter Brennan
Mr Gannon John McIntire
Rube Jay C Flippen
Ketchum Henry Morgan
Ives Steve Brodie
Luke Royal Dano
Rounds Gregg Barton
Dusty Chubby Johnson
Yukon Sam Eddie C Waller
Kingman Robert Foulk
Doc Vallon Eugene Borden
Bosun Allan Ray
SCREENPLAY BORDEN CHASE
DIRECTOR ANTHONY MANN

9.00 Don Giovanni

RUGGERO RAIMONDI
KIRI TE KANAWA
EDDA MOSER
TERESA BERGANZA

FILM A spectacular film version of Mozart's most dramatic opera, about the legendary seducer, Don Giovanni. Don Giovanni chases after Donna Anna, the Commendatore's daughter. He emerges from their house, pursued by Donna Anna, whose honour he has sought to violate. When Don Giovanni fatally wounds the Commendatore in a duel, Donna Anna swears her fiancé, Don Ottavio, to vengeance. Director Joseph Losey's film photographs opera as it can never be seen in the theatre, using magical locations such as the glass factory on the Venetian island of Murano, and the splendid 16th century Palladian buildings in and around the north Italian city of Vicenza. Sung in Italian with English subtitles.

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Don Giovanni Ruggero Raimondi
Donna Elvira Kiri Te Kanawa
Donna Anna Edda Moser
Zerlina Teresa Berganza
Leporello José van Dam
Don Ottavio Kenneth Riegel
Masetto Malcolm King
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12.15 to 1.00am Emma Thompson: Up For Grabs

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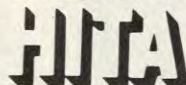
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6.55 Thought for a Sunday

7.00 CARE BEARS

7.25 ARE YOU AWAKE YET?

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PETER GOSLING

Join in all the fun with Terry and the gang plus Ludwig cartoon.

7.50 What's News

Presented by Charles Golding and Tina Baker with a news round-up of the film and pop world plus the What's News quiz.
PRODUCER NICK WILSON
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with Jeni Barnett8.27 News Headlines read
by David Foster8.30 THE SUNDAY
PROGRAMME

David Frost introduces a review of the papers followed by David Frost and Guests.

9.25 Spinnolio

An animated tale about a carved wooden puppet who lacks mobility and human consciousness. Spinnolio lives his life quite happily in his own passive way until his employer decides to replace him with a computer!

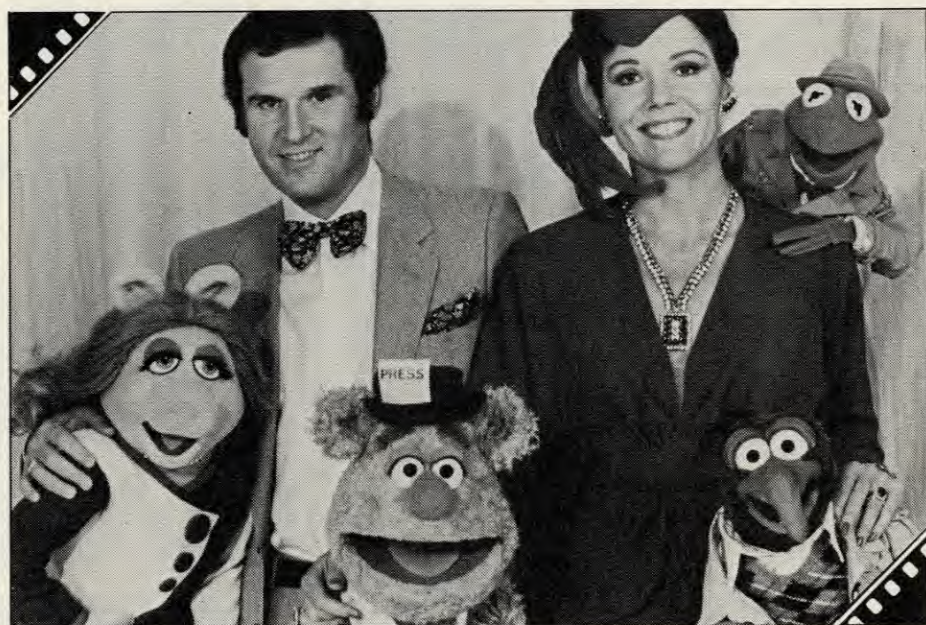
9.35 The Merrie Melodies Show

NUTS AND VOLTS/HONEY'S MONEY/DAFFY'S DINER

In this cartoon compilation, Sylvester the cat invents a robot to catch his rapid rodent adversary, Speedy Gonzales; Yosemite Sam marries a rich widow for her money; and Daffy Duck tries to serve El Supremo, the meanest bandit cat in all Mexico, a mouseburger without the mouse. . .

10.00 Morning Worship

Family Eucharist from St Mary's Parish Church, Wenvoe, near Cardiff, conducted by the Rector, the Rev John P Owen. Religious adviser Mervyn Payne.

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER
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Charles Grodin and Diana Rigg are the victims of a jewel robbery — but unexpected help is on the way from Miss Piggy, Fozzie Bear, Gonzo and Kermit: 'The Great Muppet Caper'.

11.00 Getting On

GILLIAN REYNOLDS
TONY VAN DEN BERGH
Gillian Reynolds talks to Dorothy Mawdsley about the way her career as a fashion model has progressed since she was seen in the programme last January. Tony Van Den Bergh meets Beryl Bainbridge, who judges the Getting On poetry competition, and there are interviews with the Pensioners of the Year for 1984 and 1985.RESEARCH MAGGIE FOGARTY
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11.30 Blind Faith

The Royal Yachting Association Seamanship

Foundation arranges sailing courses for disabled people. It has provided tuition for the blind since 1975. This documentary traces the progress of beginner Sue Lawrence, a blind physiotherapist, and advanced student Barrie Haywood, a blind social worker, as they tackle the rigours of seamanship. The commentator is Paul Vaughan.

12.00 The Smurfs

THE ABOMINABLE
SNOWBEAST

Cartoon fun with the little blue people. Brainy and his friends journey to Ice Mountain to pick the rare snowflower for Papa Smurf and are befriended by a terrifying snowbeast.



Presenter Sally Dewhurst is sure to make you smile as she asks Terry: 'Are You Awake Yet?'. Join them on 'TV-am'.

12.15 Feature Film

DIANA RIGG
CHARLES GRODIN
JOHN CLEESE
THE GREAT MUPPET
CAPER

A jewel robbery is headline news in every paper except one: the one whose dynamic investigative journalists are Kermit the Frog and Fozzie Bear.

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Lady Holiday	Diana Rigg
Nicky Holiday	Charles Grodin
Neville	John Cleese
Truck driver	Peter Ustinov
British gentleman	Robert Morley
Editor	Jack Warden
Marla	Erica Creer
Carla	Kate Howard
Darla	Della Finch
Security guard	Michael Robbins
Dorcas	Joan Sanderson
Maitre d'	Peter Hughes
Bus conductor	Tommy Godfrey
Tramp	Peter Falk

Muppet voices by Jim Henson, Frank Oz, David Goetz, Jerry Nelson, Louise Gold, Richard Hunt, Steve Whitmire, Bob Payne, Carroll Spinney, Kathryn Mullen, Robert Barnett, Brian Muehl, Hugh Spight, Mike Quinn and Brian Henson.

SCREENPLAY TOM PATCHETT,
JAY TARSES, JERRY JUHL,
JACK ROSE
DIRECTOR JIM HENSON

2.00 to 2.30 Lindisfarne: The Cradle Island

MAGNUS MAGNUSSON
TIME AND TIDE

Magnus Magnusson finds there's much more than meets the eye to this Northumbrian village.

RESEARCH PETER GORDON
DIRECTOR JEREMY LACK
PRODUCER BOB FARNWORTH
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
MICHAEL PARTINGTON
Tyne Tees Television Production

11.00am Christ Stopped at Eboli

Continuing the story of Carlo Levi, the young doctor who, in the Thirties, was banished to Southern Italy, for his opposition to Fascism. As the story draws to a close, it is some 40 years later. Back in Turin, Levi is surrounded by his paintings of the people and the sights of Gagliano — part of his lasting memories of a place that he came to understand and love.

For cast, see Thursday
26 December

11.55 The World of Women's Golf

Included are highlights of the British, European and US Opens, together with the thrilling finish to the European tour at the Spanish Open. Narrated by Helen Rollason.
PRODUCER DEREK BRANDON
A Cheerleader Production

12.40 Chivalry of Heaven

The Prince of Wales last June unveiled one of the most controversial sculptural pieces to be commissioned this century — David Wynne's Risen Christ for the West Front of Wells Cathedral. This film chronicles the creation of the statue from a seven foot block of limestone. ‡
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER REVEL GUEST
Transatlantic Films Production

1.45 Launder and Gilliat: Folly to Be Wise

ALASTAIR SIM

First of two classic Launder and Gilliat films this afternoon. When Captain Paris becomes chaplain and entertainments officer at an Army camp he organises a 'Brains Trust' but all is not well with his panellists. . .

Made in black and white

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Capt Paris	Alastair Sim
George Prout	Roland Culver
Angela Prout	Elizabeth Allan
Lady Dodds	Marita Hunt
Dr McAdam	Miles Malleon
Prof Mutch	Colin Gordon

Joseph Byres, MP
Edward Chapman
Jessie Kilgrew Janet Brown
Intellectual Robin Bailey
SCREENPLAY FRANK LAUNDER,
JOHN DIGHTON, FROM A PLAY BY
JAMES BRIDIE
DIRECTOR FRANK LAUNDER



Central

2.30pm The Weekend Matinee

LEE MAJORS
HAL LINDEN
LAUREN HUTTON
RAY MILLAND

STARFLIGHT ONE — THE FLIGHT THAT DIDN'T RETURN

FILM With the hope of setting a new trans-Pacific record flight of two hours from California to Sydney, Starflight One — the world's first hypersonic transport plane — blasts off on its maiden flight. The launch goes ahead, after a two-hour delay, against the advice of the plane's designer and chief engineer, Josh Gilliam. Pilot, Captain Cody Briggs, quickly reaches his scheduled altitude of 23 miles above the Pacific Ocean, cruising at an amazing 4000 miles an hour. Everything seems fine, but the plane is flying straight into the path of a 'pirate' satellite missile.

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Cody Briggs Lee Majors
Josh Hal Linden
Erica Lauren Hutton
QT Ray Milland
Nancy Gail Strickland
Bowdich George Dizenzo
Felix Robert Webber
Janet Tess Harper
Freddie Terry Kiser
Lori Heather McAdam
Pete Michael Sacks
Martin Gary Bayer
Mrs Harvey Jocelyn Brando
Betty Diane Stilwell
Claire Carolyn Coates
Joe Pat Corley
Dr Hyatt Michael Currie
Scott Robert Englund

TELEPLAY
ROBERT MALCOLM YOUNG
DIRECTOR JERRY JAMESON

4.30 Golden Pennies

BY GRAEME FARMER
CAROL DRINKWATER
BRYAN MARSHALL

Series set in Australia in the 19th century. Jack and Cleopatra are captured by the two bushrangers, Bones and Ernest.

Rebecca Greenwood
Carol Drinkwater
Luke Greenwood Bryan Marshall
Jack Greenwood Tibi Kaman
Lucy Greenwood Michaela Abay
Lovejoy Gerard Kennedy
Doc Slope Frank Wilson
Marcel Paul Karo
Cleopatra Cindy Unkauf
Sean Jason Donovan
Lin Ping Lawrence Mah
Bojinda Alan Dargin
Danks Damon Sanders
Ernest Jay Mannering
Bones William Upjohn
Collins Robin Harrison
Sugden Ed Rosser

EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS
LEWIS RUDD, MICHAEL NOLL,
CHRISTOPHER MUIR
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER
OSCAR WHITBREAD
Central Production

5.00 Bullseye

JIM BOWEN
Tony Green
Mike Gregory

Jim Bowen asks the questions as three pairs of contestants test their nerves and knowledge in this darts and quiz game. Professional player Mike Gregory shows his skill in Bully's charity challenge. The record stands at 361—can it be beaten? Script associate is Howard Imber. Produced in association with Chatsworth Television.

CONTESTANT RESEARCH
MICKEY BRENNAN
DESIGNER SU CHASES
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER
BOB COUSINS
Central Production

5.30 Legend on Ice — A True Gift of Christmas

A Canadian fantasy-drama featuring a young boy and an old woman on a terrifying yet exhilarating and humorous journey through time and legend in search of the true gift of Christmas. They encounter Robin Cousins, Toller Cranston and other ice-skating superstars who interpret the myths, the music, the folklore and Christmas traditions of Britain, Germany, Holland and the Soviet Union.



Widening his scope... Britain's brilliant skater Robin Cousins in 'Legend on Ice — A True Gift of Christmas', 5.30.



Proud granny Nancy helps out as the Walton sextuplets tuck into their second birthday party. Watch at 7.15.

6.30 ITN News

6.40 Highway HARRY SECOMBE STRABANE

This week Highway goes to Northern Ireland, where Harry Secombe travels to the town of Strabane. It was there that Frances Alexander wrote many of her outstanding hymns. Harry also visits the ancestral home of former American President Woodrow Wilson; and meets one of Ulster's favourite characters, Barney McCool. Also on the programme are the Barratt School of Dancing and the Strabane Concert Brass.

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER
BOB BRIEN
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
BILL WARD
Ulster Television Production

7.15 Sixty Tiny Fingers

Michael Aspel presents a joyful insight into the private lives of the Walton family from Merseyside. Parents

Janet and Graham are rearing the world's only girl sextuplets. Jennifer, Ruth, Lucy, Kate, Hannah and Sarah created medical history when they were born two years ago. Now, they're talking and toddling. Watch the remarkable impact they have on all who meet them — including the Queen's photographer cousin Patrick Lichfield, and a bemused Father Christmas with six stockings to fill. You also see the problems faced by parents raising six baby girls of the same age.

DIRECTOR TOM GUTTERIDGE

8.15 92 Grosvenor Street

HAL HOLBROOK
DAVID MCCALLUM
Ray Sharkey
Anne Twomey
Tom Isbell
Stephen Shellen
Alun Lewis

A dramatic tale of undercover espionage and adventure set in World War Two. The operatives in the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) are all American servicemen skilled in spreading death and destruction among the German forces. Their most dangerous mission involves sending two teams into Norway to prevent a physicist from unwittingly providing the Germans with the secrets of atomic power. Produced in association with MTM.

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Col Calvin Turner Hal Holbrook
Lt Col Shelley Flynn David McCallum
M Sgt Max Zierman Ray Sharkey
Dr Helen Isaacs Anne Twomey
Lt Phillip Bradshaw Tom Isbell
2nd Lt David Holland
Stephen Shellen
Sgt Jack Clifford Alun Lewis
Claudie Debrille Maryam Darbo
Capt Jerry Primack Peter Whitman

Col Lumsden-Smith Ian Lavender
Simon Carlyle Benedict Taylor
Elizabeth Beaumont

Patricia Hodge
Prof Ivar Thoresen Julian Glover
Ragni Carswell Renee Soutendijk
Peggy Whitmore Lucy Hornak
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY
ERNEST VINCE
WRITER STEPHEN McPHERSON
DIRECTOR SHELTON LARRY
PRODUCERS DICKIE BAMBER,
GARETH DAVIES
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
STEPHEN McPHERSON
TVS Production

10.00 ITN News

10.15 Lyrics by Tim Rice

TIM RICE
with
BENNY ANDERSSON
MIKE BATT
CANTABILE
BARBARA DICKSON
DAVID ESSEX
PAUL GAMBACCINI
MURRAY HEAD
PAUL JONES
HANK MARVIN
PAUL NICHOLAS
ELAINE PAIGE
BJORN ULVAEUS
MARTI WEBB
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER
COLM WILKINSON
The Jean Pearce Children
The Brian Rogers Dancers

A star-studded tribute to internationally acclaimed lyricist Tim Rice. There are the classic hits from the last 20 years; a look at his partnerships from Andrew Lloyd Webber through to current partners Benny and Bjorn from ABBA; a tantalising taste of their new musical Chess, which opens in London soon. And finally a dream come true as he performs the first song he ever wrote, with Hank Marvin of Shadows fame on guitar. DESIGNER COLIN PIGOTT
LIGHTING PETER HARDMAN
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
VERNON LAWRENCE
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER IAN BOLT
Yorkshire Television Production

11.45 Tales from the Dark Side

A late-night journey into terror.

12.15am Closedown

Programmes as Central except:

TVS 11.45 to 12.15am Film — The Last Chapter. John Fowles story starring Denholm Elliott, Susan Penhaligon.

GRANADA 11.00 Traction Engines; 11.10 Aap Kaa Hak; 11.15 to 12.15 Down to Earth; 11.45 to 12.40am New Avengers.

YORKSHIRE 9.25 to 10.00 Getting On; 11.00 to 11.30 Merrie Melodies; 11.45 to 12.15am Shelley.

ETV 11.50 to 12.45am Kojak.

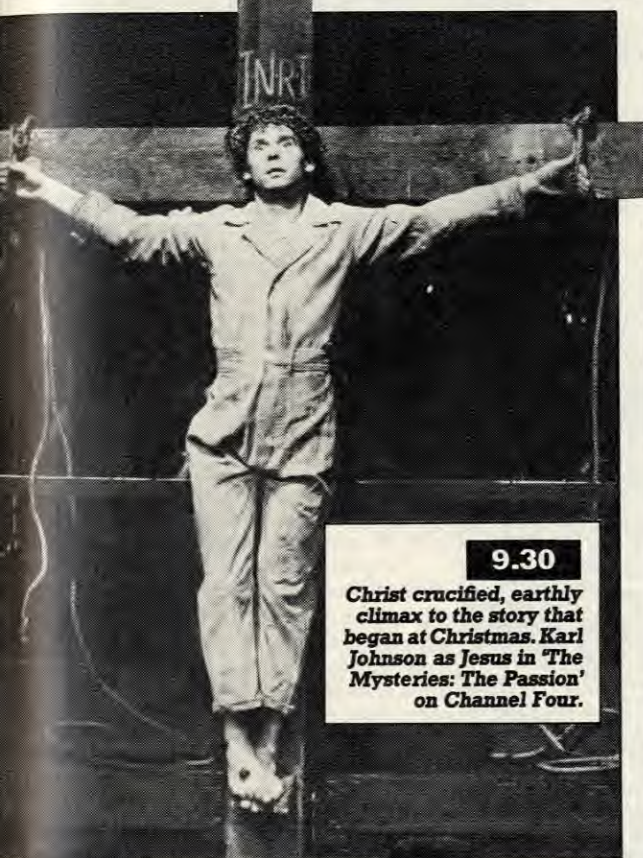
LWT 9.25 to 9.35 Wake Up London; 11.50 to 12.45am Graceland.

ANGLIA 9.25 to 9.35 Footsteps; 12.15am Short Story Theatre.

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Your very own
number is on
page 111

8.15

At '92 Grosvenor Street', Col Turner (Hal Holbrook) and Lt Col Flynn (David McCallum) plot to foil Nazis in Norway. **ITV.**



9.30

Christ crucified, earthly climax to the story that began at Christmas. Karl Johnson as Jesus in 'The Mysteries: The Passion' on Channel Four.



10.15

Marti Webb finds she's never lost for words — particularly when they're the 'Lyrics by Tim Rice'. Enjoy a super song and dance in this tribute on **ITV.**

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3.25pm Friday the Thirteenth

SONNIE HALE
JESSIE MATTHEWS
EMLYN WILLIAMS
RALPH RICHARDSON



Several people are involved in a bus crash, the victims being Alf and Fred, driver and conductor; Jackson, a shipping clerk; Blake, a blackmailer; Millie, a chorus girl; Joe, a shrewd salesman; Wakefield, a City man; and Lightfoot, a henpecked husband. Each had spent an eventful 24 hours prior to the crash, and the clock is turned back to reveal the incidents which had led to their being involuntary partners in misfortune.

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Alf	Sonnie Hale
Millie	Jessie Matthews
Fred	Cyril Smith
Jackson	Eliot Makeham
Schoolmaster	Ralph Richardson
Miss Twigg	Muriel Akeed
Hugh Nicholls	Donald Calthrop
Wakefield	Edmund Gwenn
Flora Wakefield	Mary Jerrold
Hamilton Briggs	Gordon Harker
Lightfoot	Robertson Hare
Agnes Lightfoot	Martita Hunt
Dolly	Leonora Corbett
Blake	Emlyn Williams
Frank Parsons	Frank Lawton
Mary	Belle Chrystall
Clerk	O B Clarence
Joe	Max Miller
Johnny	Richard Hulton
Detective	Alfred Drayton
SCREENPLAY SIDNEY GILLIAT,	
G H MORESBY WHITE	
DIRECTOR VICTOR SAVILLE	

5.00 Citizen 2000

DAYCARE: NANNIES, NURSERIES OR NOTHING AT ALL?

This year almost all the Citizen 2000 children — now aged three — are spending part of their day being looked after outside their home and family. But it seems that good daycare provision for under-fives in this country is woefully inadequate. With the help of an MP, a psychologist and a local government adviser, the programme questions why finding good childcare should be such a lottery. Other EEC countries manage to provide much more for their young children: is it true that Britain's under-fives are Europe's poor relations? Send sae for a free guide to under-five provision to address 1, page 75. The final programme is on Saturday 18 January.

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Thames Television Production

6.00 American Football

NICKY HORNE
JOHN SMITH

This is it. The regular season's final week. Tonight all the outstanding issues will be resolved and, when all the games are over, 10 teams will progress to the play-offs — the six division winners and the four teams (two from each conference) with the next best records. These four play two wild card games, and these will be featured in an extra programme on New Year's Day.

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER
MIKE WILMOT
PRODUCER GARY FRANCES
Cheerleader Production

7.15 News Summary and Weather

followed by

Dabbawallahs

The dabbawallahs are the tiffin-box (lunch-box) carriers of Bombay who live in a race against time. Hot home-cooked lunches are collected, passed through several hands and transferred by handcart, bicycle, local railway and finally on the heads of the carriers through the traffic and maze of Bombay streets in all weathers to the eaters. Narrator Mala Sen. RESEARCH MALA SEN. SOUND RAJESH BEDI. EDITORS AMITE BOSE, GRAHAM WHITLOCK. PRODUCER ANABELLE ALCAZAR OVÉ. DIRECTOR HORACE OVÉ. Anacy Films Production

8.30 Astonishing Duos

1: ITZHAK PERLMAN AND PINCHAS ZUKERMAN

The first of two programmes in which Itzhak Perlman and Pinchas Zukerman play duets for two violins, or violin and viola, with Zukerman playing the viola part. This film offers a rare glimpse of two international soloists in informal rehearsal, followed by a concert performance filmed in the Royal College of Music, London, in 1976, an event still remembered by many of those present as a rare example of great virtuosity and happy music-making. They play Caprices for Two Violins by Wieniawski, the Grand Duo Concertante for Two Violins Opus 67 by Spohr, and the Passacaglia for Violin and Viola by Handel/Halvorsen. Second programme next Sunday. SOUND BRIAN SIMMONS. LIGHTING CAMERA DAVID FINDLAY. FILM EDITOR PETER HEELAS. DIRECTOR CHRISTOPHER NOPEN. Allegro Films



Fast food... tiffins brought by 'Dabbawallahs' in Bombay.

9.30 The Mysteries: The Passion

ADAPTED BY TONY HARRISON
FROM THE MEDIEVAL ENGLISH MYSTERY PLAYS

The second play in Bill Bryden's acclaimed National Theatre production The Mysteries cycle tells the story of Christ's life on earth, ending in his crucifixion. And they crucified him and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: "They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots." And, sitting down, they watched him there and set up over his head his accusation written, This is Jesus the King of the Jews. For an illustrated booklet, price £1.50, write to address 1, page 75. With Brenda Blethyn, David Busby, Jim Carter, Edna Dore, Christopher Gilbert, Brian Glover, Howard Goorney, James Grant, Dave Hill, Karl Johnson, Phil Langham, Eve Matheson, Derek Newark, Robert Oates, Stephen Petcher, Trevor Ray, Jack Shepherd, Dinah Stabb, Robert Stephens, John Tams, Anthony Trent, Don Warrington.

11.15 to 12.30am Christmas in July

FILM When Jimmy McDonald enters a \$50,000 dollar coffee slogan contest, three practical jokers in his office overhear a telephone call in which he inquires about the prize...

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Jimmy McDonald	Dick Powell
Betty Casey	Ellen Drew
Mr Maxford	Raymond Walburn
Mr Schindel	Alexander Carr
Mr Buldoker	William Demarest
Br Baxter	Ernest Truex
Radio announcer	Franklin Pangborn
Mr Waterbury	Harry Hayden
Dick	Rod Cameron
Tom	Michael Morris
Harry	Harry Rosenthal
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Central

6.15 TV-am: Good Morning Britain

NICK OWEN
JAYNE IRVING

News Bulletin with Adrian Brown 7.00, 8.00, 8.30.

Weather with Wincey Willis 6.58, 7.58, 8.28.

Sport: Richard Keys 6.35, 7.34.

TV-am's Celebrity Clips

Continuing this special feature looking back at *Good Morning Britain's* best celebrity interviews over the past year, from Little Richard to Dudley Moore, Benny Hill, Lauren Bacall, Sting, Patrick Duffy, Bob Hope, Bette Midler and many more.

WACADAY 9.00. More fun and laughter with Timmy Mallett and Terry from *Are You Awake Yet?* There are games, pop videos, Terry's art gallery, *Transformers* cartoon and a chance to tell us your favourite jokes.

9.25 Fraggle Rock THE GARDEN PLOT

Junior Gorg decides to get back in his father's good graces by tidying up the garden — starting with the destruction of *Fraggle Rock*. In the lighthouse the Captain is building a model, but Sprocket keeps knocking it down. Fulton Mackay plays the Captain.

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ANNA HOME, JIM HENSON
PRODUCERS DUNCAN KENWORTHY,
LAWRENCE S MIRKIN
DIRECTORS NICK ABSON,
GEORGE BLOOMFIELD
TVS Production

9.50 Walt Disney Presents

THE COUNTRY COUSIN/ LITTLE HIAWATHA

Abner, a country mouse, visits Monty, a town mouse, and more cartoon fun.

10.10 Morning Cinema

HUGH O'BRIAN
JOHN MILLS
NIGEL GREEN
TOM NARDINI
ADRIENNE CORRI

AFRICA — TEXAS STYLE!

FILM When the wide open spaces of his native Texas become a mass of motorways



Sword-wielding swashbuckler 'The Crimson Pirate' (Burt Lancaster) sets about the Spanish army, 1.40.

and concrete flyovers, champion cowboy Jim Sinclair goes to East Africa, taking with him a Navajo Indian named John Henry. They have been hired by an English settler in Kenya, Wing Commander Howard Hayes, whose aim is to preserve wildlife using Texan methods to herd and rope the animals into corrals...

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Jim Sinclair Hugh O'Brian
W/Cdr Hayes John Mills
Karl Bekker Nigel Green
John Henry Tom Nardini
Fay Carter Adrienne Corri
Hugo Copp Ronald Howard
Sampson Charles Malinda
Mr Oyondi Honey Wamala
Vet Charles Hayes
Peter Stephen Kikumu
Turk Ali Twaha
Witch doctor Mohammed Abdulla
Girl at airport Hayley Mills
SCREENPLAY ANDY WHITE
DIRECTOR ANDREW MARTON

12.00 Tickle on the Tum

**RALPH McTELL
Danusia Harwood
and BILLY CONNOLLY
SCARING THE CATS**
BY HAZEL TOWNSON

Bobby Binns has been collecting bits and pieces for his inventions, and makes a robot and a whist for scaring cats off his flowerbeds. Research by Gayle Broughall, graphics by Valerie Pye.

DESIGNER NICK KING
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
STEPHEN LEAHY
PRODUCER DIANA BRAMWELL
DIRECTOR PATRICIA PEARSON
Granada Television Production

12.10 Let's Pretend THE DOCTOR'S BIG DAY

The cleaner thought that he only had to sweep out the surgery, but he wasn't to know that today was going to be *The Doctor's Big Day*. If you haven't got any strips of cloth or paper to make bandages, you can still

pretend to have something wrong with your foot by limping. Pretenders are Chris Hazell, Michael Bray and Janet Rawson. Writer is Colin England.

DEVISER/PRODUCER
MICHAEL JEANS
Central Production

12.30 Parents and Teenagers A SENSE OF LOSS

'I just thought that I should have both my parents there and not just one of them. I wanted two parents, not one person trying to be two people.' A sensitive and moving exploration of the feelings of mothers and daughters after sudden separation, one through the death of the father, another because of divorce. They talk frankly about how the loss affected them. Advisers are Anthony Lawton and Steve Bolger. The next health and family matters series *Drugs for All?* begins next week on Monday.

RESEARCH VIKKI WORTHINGTON
DIRECTOR ERIC MIVAL
PRODUCER GRAHAM SELLORS
Central Production

1.00 News at One LEONARD PARKIN

Leonard Parkin reports. Plus weather forecast and *Financial Times* share index.
PROGRAMME EDITOR
DAVID MANNION
ITN Production

1.20 Central News

1.30 Bugs Bunny MUTINY ON THE BUNNY

In this cartoon adventure, Bugs Bunny is shanghaied aboard the *Jolly Roger* (formerly the *Smiling Irishman*) and he finds himself the only member of the crew under Captain Shanghai Sam, the scourge of the seven seas. ‡

1.40 Central Cinema

BURT LANCASTER
NICK CRAVAT
EVA BARTOK
LESLIE BRADLEY
TORIN THATCHER

THE CRIMSON PIRATE

FILM Captain Vallo, a devil-may-care raider of the 18th-century Caribbean sea lanes, has become known as *The Crimson Pirate*. Together with Ojo, an acrobatic mute, and a crew of lovable roughnecks, he captures a Spanish ship and its cargo of arms, destined for its use against the rebels on the island of Cobra. Vallo decides to sell the weapons instead to El Libre, the rebel leader — who, quite by chance, has a beautiful daughter Consuelo. This is only the beginning of a series of incredible adventures in which Vallo finds himself swinging from rope and sail, performing daring rescues, attacking the Spanish army, masquerading as a woman, and even flying a balloon!

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Capt Vallo	Burt Lancaster
Ojo	Nick Cravat
Consuelo	Eva Bartok
Baron Gruda	Leslie Bradley
Humble Bellows	Torin Thatcher
Bianca	Margot Grahame
Prudence	James Hayter
Pablo Murphy	Noel Purcell
Sebastian (El Libre)	Frederick Leicester
Governor	Eliot Makeham
Colonel	Frank Pettingell
La Signorita	Dagmar Wynter
Attaché	Christopher Lee

SCREENPLAY ROLAND KIBBEE
DIRECTOR ROBERT SIODMAN

3.40 Central News

3.45 Afternoon Serial THE YOUNG DOCTORS

An injured actress causes problems for the Albert Memorial. A baby is up for adoption.

4.15 to 5.15 He-Man and She-Ra — A Christmas Special

He-Man and She-Ra and all their friends meet at the Royal Palace of King Randor and Queen Marlena for a gala Christmas Eve party. Even Skeletor, He-Man's arch-enemy, learns about the Christmas spirit.

Programmes as Central except:

TVS 3.45 to 4.45 *Knight Rider*.

GRANADA 3.45 to 4.15 *Sons and Daughters*.

YORKSHIRE 3.45 to 4.15 *Country Practice*.

ANGLIA 5.15 to 5.45 *Different Strokes*.



2.35pm Launder and Gilliat: Green for Danger

ALASTAIR SIM

FILM A creepy, thrilling whodunit set in a wartime emergency hospital near London. Who is the murderer when a man dies on the operating table? The case looks insoluble — until Inspector Cockrill of the Yard sets to work.

Made in black and white

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Insp Cockrill	Alastair Sim
Mr Eden	Leo Genn
Dr Barnes	Trevor Howard
Nurse Sanson	Rosamund John
Nurse Linley	Sally Gray
Nurse Woods	Megs Jenkins
Sister Bates	Judy Campbell
Joseph Higgins	Moore Marriott
Det Sgt Hendricks	George Woodbridge
Dr White	Ronald Adam
Mr Purdy	Henry Edwards
Margot Carter	Wendy Thompson

SCREENPLAY SIDNEY GILLIAT,
CLAUD GUERNEY
FROM CHRISTIANNA BRAND'S NOVEL
DIRECTOR SIDNEY GILLIAT

4.15 The Red Balloon

FILM The famous French film about a small boy, played by the director's son, Pascal, who finds a red balloon and 'tames' it, although the balloon continues to assume a life of its own, and follows its master everywhere...

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SCREENPLAY/DIRECTOR
ALBERT LAMORISSE

A small boy
tames 'The
Red Balloon'.





Central

5.15pm Blockbusters

BOB HOLNESS

The game show in which 16- to 18-year-old contestants test their knowledge on the *Blockbusters* game board. Presenter is Bob Holness. Produced in association with Mark Goodson and Talbot Television Ltd.

DIRECTORS ANDY MARTIN, DENNIS LIDDINGTON
PRODUCER TONY WOLFE
Central Production

News at 5.45

6.00 Central News

Presented by Sally Jones and Bob Warman in Birmingham and Andy Craig and Anna Soubry in Nottingham.

EDITORS LAURIE UPSON, CHRIS ROBERTSON
PRODUCERS DAVID MILLARD, STEVE TURNER
Central Production

6.30 What's My Line?

EAMONN ANDREWS
Ernie Wise
Jilly Cooper
Patrick Mower
Barbara Kelly
George Gale

A special edition to celebrate the close of an action-packed year.

RESEARCH ANNIE KOSOFF
DIRECTOR STUART HALL
PRODUCER MAURICE LEONARD
Thames Television Production

7.00 NEW SERIES Wish You Were Here...?

JUDITH CHALMERS
ANNEKA RICE
CHRIS KELLY

When it comes to holidays, 1986 starts here. For the next 13 weeks *Wish You Were Here...?* brings you ideas from around Britain and the world. This week Judith is lifting her heels at a highland Hogmanay in one of Scotland's most famous hotels. As she discovers, you can save pounds by taking a winter break and still have a lesson from Jackie Stewart in clay pigeon shooting. New regular presenter Anneka Rice is in Africa, up the Okavango in a dugout canoe. And Chris Kelly samples a family camping holiday in Brittany. Travel consultant is

Robin Dewhurst. Writers Robin Dewhurst, Perrott Phillips, Peter Hughes.

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DIRECTORS ROY LOMAS, IAN LITTLESIMITH, CHRISTOPHER PALMER
EDITOR PETER HUGHES
PRODUCER CHRISTOPHER PALMER
Thames Television Production

7.30 Coronation Street

Susan Barlow has her own plans for the end-of-year festivities; and the New Year heralds a new beginning for Alf and Audrey.

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This week's cast:

Ken Barlow	William Roache
Deirdre Barlow	Anne Kirkbride
Alf Roberts	Bryan Mosley
Susan Barlow	Wendy Jane Walker
Mike Baldwin	Johnny Briggs
Bet Lynch	Julie Goodyear
Gloria Todd	Sue Jenkins
Frank Mills	Nigel Gregory
Jack Duckworth	William Tarmey
Percy Sugden	Bill Waddington
Hilda Ogden	Jean Alexander
Gail Tilsley	Helen Worth
Kevin Webster	Michael Le Vell
Rita Fairclough	Barbara Knox
Mavis Riley	Thelma Barlow
Tracy Barlow	Holly Chamarette
Taxi driver	Zall Anthony

WRITER TONY PERRIN
STORIES TOM ELLIOTT,
PAUL ABBOTT
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
BILL PODMORE
DESIGNER ERIC DEAKINS
DIRECTOR BILL GILMOUR
PRODUCER JOHN G TEMPLE
Granada Television Production

8.00 NEW SERIES All In Good Faith

BY JOHN KANE
RICHARD BRIERS
BARBARA FERRIS
IN THE BEGINNING

First in a new comedy series about a vicar who has a crisis of conscience in middle age. When doubts begin to assail the Reverend Philip Lambe, he feels the problems of a new, more challenging parish may help renew his faith in himself. But before accepting the new position he must overcome the problems posed by Emma, his reluctant wife, and the church warden, Major Andrews, who plans to use Philip's inadequacy with a golf club to put a new roof on the village church.

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Philip Lambe	Richard Briers
Emma Lambe	Barbara Ferris
Major Andrews	James Cossins
Doctor Mathers	Roger Brierley
Alec Dugdale	Nigel Humphreys
Miranda Lambe	Lydia Smith
Peter Lambe	James Campbell
Sir Monty	Ronald Leigh-Hunt
Dilliforth	Ben Aris
Headmaster	Raymond Mason
Dunwiddy	Cameron Miller

DESIGNER ANNE DIAMOND
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER
JOHN HOWARD DAVIES
Thames Television Production

8.30 The Benny Hill Show

with Henry McGee
Bob Todd
Jack Wright
Jilliane Foot
Charles Stapley

Room service at the Hotel Sordide takes on a slightly different meaning, with Benny playing the waiter; he also introduces his own *South Bank Show* and brings to the screen a new version of the Robin Hood legend. Script by Benny Hill, music director Ronnie Aldrich.

DESIGNERS ROBIN PARKER, MIKE HALL, DAVID MARSHALL
DIRECTORS/PRODUCERS
MARK STUART, KEITH BECKETT
Thames Television Production

9.00 ITN News

followed by

Central News

9.15 L'Enfance du Christ

THE CHILDHOOD OF CHRIST BY BERLIOZ

ADAPTED BY ANTHONY BURGESS

FIONA KIMM
BENJAMIN LUXON
ANTHONY ROLFE JOHNSON
WILLIAM SHIMELL
RICHARD VAN ALLAN

Anthony Burgess brings to the screen for the first time a fully dramatised version of Berlioz's Christmas oratorio *L'Enfance du Christ*. Having begun with a simple melody written in 1850, now known as the popular *Shepherds' Chorus*, Berlioz then composed a tale of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. This moment in the Christmas story is set to music with all the passion and melody of Berlioz's other works. And the production draws together some of our finest voices and musicians in beautiful settings. Conducted by Philip Ledger with the English Chamber Orchestra.

Chorus master is John Alldis, choreographer, Wayne Eagling.

Narrator Anthony Rolfe Johnson
Herod Richard van Allan
Mary Fiona Kimm
Joseph William Shimell
Ishmaelite Father Benjamin Luxon
Polydorus David Thomas
Centurion Donald Stephenson
Other parts sung by: Jeremy Birchall, Michael Clark, Christina Cook, Timothy Evans-Jones, Alan Ewing, Suzanne Flowers, Carol Hall, Joyce Jarvis, Andrew Murgatroyd, Leigh Nixon, David Owen, Paul Parfitt, Michael Pearce, Philip Salmon, Brindley Sherratt, Vanessa Smith, Nicole Tibbels, Caroline Trevor, Alison Truefitt, Angela Tunstall, Wendy Verco, Lawrence Wallington, Jill Washington.

Members of the Royal Ballet: Antony Dowson, Mark Freeman, Jeremy Sheffield, Christina Parker, Gail Taphouse, Nicola Tranah.

DESIGN PETER LE PAGE,
BARRY O'RIORDAN
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
CATHERINE FREEMAN
PRODUCERS JOHN WOODS,
MICHAEL WATERHOUSE
DIRECTOR JOHN WOODS
Thames Television Production

11.00 Feature Film

ROCK HUDSON
MIA FARROW
ROBERT FORSTER
JEANETTE NOLAN
RICK MOSES
STEVE FRANKEN
AVALANCHE

FILM David Shelby is a businessman who gets what he wants. In order to open his new ski centre in the Rocky Mountains, he has ensured that any objections from environmentalists have been overruled — with the help of large sums of money to the right people. At the opening

8.30

No, not the real W C Fields but just one of a cavalcade of comic characters depicted in *The Benny Hill Show* on ITV.

party, a glamorous collection of people are present, including TV personality Mark Elliott, whose estranged wife is having an affair with ski champion Bruce Scott. The next day, just before the opening ceremony, a plane carrying Scott and Elliott crashes into the mountain, causing an avalanche. The opening ceremony has just begun...

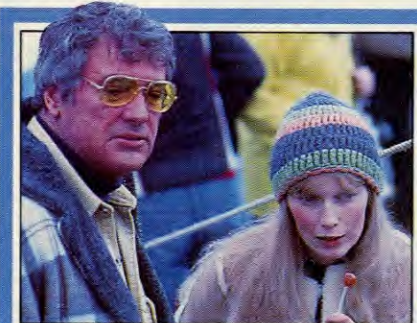
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David Shelby	Rock Hudson
Caroline Brace	Mia Farrow
Nick Thorne	Robert Forster
Florence Shelby	Jeanette Nolan
Bruce Scott	Rick Moses
Henry McDade	Steve Franken
Mark Elliott	Barry Primus
Tina Elliott	Cathey Paine
Phil Prentiss	Jerry Douglas
Leo	Tony Carbone

SCREENPLAY CLAUDE POLA,
COREY ALLEN
DIRECTOR COREY ALLEN

12.40am Closedown

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11.00

A quiet moment for David Shelby (Rock Hudson) and Caroline Brace (Mia Farrow) but a mountain of trouble piles up in *'Avalanche'* on ITV.

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Granada in the Sixties

Heralding Granada Television's 30th anniversary in 1986, this specially compiled evening, devised by Paul Madden, celebrates one of ITV's longest-established companies

5.00pm A Pattern of Roses

ADAPTED BY JOY WHITBY FROM THE NOVEL BY K M PEYTON

SUZANNA HAMILTON
STUART MACKENZIE
HELENA BONHAM-CARTER
JO SEARBY
KATHRYN POGSON
VIVIAN PICKLES
NORMAN RODWAY

Who was Tom Inskip? What was the secret of his premature death 70 years ago? Tim Inskip comes to live in the same cottage and becomes obsessed with the fate of the dead boy. Music by Stanley Myers.

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Rebecca	Suzanna Hamilton
Tim	Stuart MacKenzie
Netty	Helena Bonham-Carter
Tom	Jo Searby
May	Kathryn Pogson
Mrs Ingram	Vivian Pickles
Mr Ingram	Norman Rodway
Mr Bellinger	Ralph Nossek
Mr Pettigrew	Richard Beale
Vicar	Bill Wallis
Vicar's wife	Caroline John
Headmaster	David Gant
Art master	Roger Milner

PRODUCERS TIM VAN RELLIM,
JOY WHITBY
DIRECTOR
LAWRENCE GORDON CLARK
Grasshopper Production

6.30 A Frame with Davis

STEVE DAVIS
DUGGIE BROWN
BILL TIDY

Comedian Duggie Brown and cartoonist Bill Tidy join host Steve Davis.

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7.00 Channel 4 News and Weather

with Peter Sissons

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DIRECTORS MALCOLM JOHNSON,
TIM SUMNER, ALAN RODMAN,
JACQUI BROMLEY
PROGRAMME EDITORS
JOHN MORRISON, MIKE SHEPPARD
EDITOR STEWART PURVIS
ITN Production

8.00 Brookside

Sheila makes an appalling discovery and Billy is called a scab. Heather rolls her sleeves up and starts to change her image.

Billy Corkhill	John McArdle
Doreen Corkhill	Kate Fitzgerald
Harold Cross	Bill Dean

8.30 The Music of Lennon and McCartney

THE BEATLES

LULU

BILLY J KRAMER

CILLA BLACK

PETER SELLERS

PETER AND GORDON

MARIANNE FAITHFULL

GEORGE MARTIN

ESTHER PHILLIPS

HENRY MANCINI

Once upon a time everyone wanted to record a Beatles song. Here are just a few of the many artists who did so. DIRECTOR PHILIP CASSON
PRODUCER JOHN HAMP

9.20 Bootsie and Snudge

ALFIE BASS

BILL FRASER

THE BACHELOR PARTY

In this popular comedy, Bootsie dutifully jollies up a stag night at the club — with dire consequences.

Bootsie	Alfie Bass
Snudge	Bill Fraser
Hesketh Pendleton	

Judge Tyler	Robert Dorning
Doctor O'Hara	Walter Horsborough
Captain Fawcett	Bruno Damabe
Professor Potter	Mark Pendleton
Lord Passet	Lloyd Pearson
	Bill Rayner

DIRECTOR MILO LEWIS
PRODUCER PETER ETON

9.50 The Caesars

FREDDIE JONES

RALPH BATES

BARBARA MURRAY

NICOLA PAGETT

CLAUDIUS

BY PHILIP MACKIE

In this episode of the classic award-winning series about imperial Rome, Caligula has

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declared himself a god, and daily his behaviour grows more outrageous. The lives of most of his entourage hang by a thread, including that of his uncle, Claudius. Meanwhile, the plots multiply...

Claudius	Freddie Jones
Caligula	Ralph Bates
Lucius Vitellius	Gerald Harper
Cassius Chaerea	John Paul
Caesonia	Barbara Murray
Messalina	Nicola Pagett
Callistus	John Normington
Mnester	Mark Hawkins
Cornelius Sabinus	

Douglas Blackwell

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

PHILIP MACKIE

DIRECTOR DEREK BENNETT

10.55 From the North

Remember when Michael Parkinson was just a local presenter? When the Beatles were just another group playing in an obscure Liverpool club? When Mrs T was just an unknown MP and Bet Lynch wasn't Bet Lynch and appeared in Nearest and Dearest? Relive all these moments and more tonight. RESEARCH DAVID WASSON
PRODUCER LESLIE WOODHEAD
EDITOR KELVIN HENDRIE

11.25 World in Action

THE DEMONSTRATION
1968 — the year of student protest, spectacularly illustrated by the Grosvenor Square demonstration against the Vietnam War. This classic World in Action with its rough and ready immediacy captures all the sound and fury of clashes between police and protesters, the shape of things to come in the Seventies and Eighties.

11.45pm Close

8.30
'Granada in the Sixties': Alfie Bass and Bill Fraser as 'Bootsie and Snudge'; Freddie Jones as Claudius, Nicola Pagett as Messalina in 'The Caesars', Channel Four.

9.15

The Holy Family's flight into Egypt is set to music. Watch Mary (Fiona Kimm) and Joseph (William Shimell) in 'L'Enfance du Christ' on ITV.

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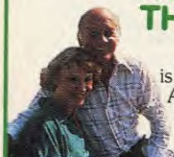
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Central

6.15 TV-am: Good Morning Britain

NICK OWEN
JAYNE IRVING

News with Adrian Brown
6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.30.

Weather with Wincey Willis
6.28, 6.58, 7.28, 8.28.

Sport: Richard Keys 6.35, 7.34.

Lizzie Webb: 6.20.

News Topics 6.45, 7.07, 7.45,
8.13, 8.45.

Pop Video
with Julie Brown 7.55.
Julie Brown introduces today's pop
video.

Film Review with Paul
Gambaccini 8.34.

News Round-Up of the Year

In a year where there were more
major news stories than ever
before TV-am looks back at the
news and sporting events of 1985.

WACADAY 9.00.

More fun with Terry and the gang.
Plus Transformers, pop videos,
Terry's art gallery.

9.25 Fraggles Rock

NEW TRASH HEAP IN TOWN

Mokey returns from a painting
expedition to find that the
Fraggles now consider her to
be an oracle. In Outer Space
Uncle Matt joins a most
Fragglish group of Silly
Creatures — punks! Fulton
Mackay plays the Captain. ‡

9.50 Walt Disney Presents

THE GRASSHOPPER AND THE ANT

The Lazy Grasshopper urges
little Andy ant to drop his
chores and learn to sing and
dance. The queen ant sends
Andy back to his work and
tells Grasshopper he will
repent his laziness.

Programmes as Central except:

TVS 12.30 to 1.00 Sullivans; 1.30 to 2.00
Protectors; 3.45 to 4.45 Knight Rider; 6.00
Coast to Coast.

GRANADA 12.30 to 1.00 Sullivans; 3.45
to 4.15 Sons and Daughters; 6.00 Granada
Reports; 6.35 to 7.00 Crossroads.

YORKSHIRE 12.30 to 1.00 Calendar;
3.45 to 4.15 Country Practice; 6.00
Calendar; 6.35 to 7.00 Crossroads.

HTV 12.30 to 1.00 Sullivans; 6.00 HTV
News; 6.35 to 7.00 Crossroads.

HTV (Wales) as general service
except: 6.00 Wales at Six.

THAMES 12.30 to 1.00 Sullivans; 6.00
Thames News; 6.35 to 7.00 Crossroads.

ANGLIA 12.30 to 1.00 Gardens For All;
6.00 About Anglia; 6.35 to 7.00 Cross-
roads.



James Stewart, Emmett
Kelly in the circus epic: 9.55.

9.55 Morning Cinema

CORNEL WILDE
BETTY HUTTON
CHARLTON HESTON

THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

A blockbuster film
that captures the
drama, excitement,
romance and tragedy of life
with a travelling three-ring
circus. See page 38

Sebastian	Cornel Wilde
Holly	Betty Hutton
Brad Braden	Charlton Heston
Phyllis	Dorothy Lamour
Angel	Gloria Grahame
Buttons, a clown	James Stewart
Klaus	Lyle Bettger
Henderson	Lawrence Tierney
FBI man	Henry Wilcoxon
Clown	Emmett Kelly
Harry	John Kellogg
Asst manager	John Ridgely

SCREENPLAY FREDRIC M FRANK,
BARRE LYNDON, THEODORE ST JOHN
DIRECTOR CECIL B DE MILLE

12.30 Gardening Time

CYRIL FLETCHER

More gardening advice from
the team of experts.
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER JOHN PULLEN
Central Production

1.00 News at One

1.20 Central News

1.30 That's My Dog

DEREK HOBSON
Louise Burton
Eddie Straiton

Derek Hobson and Louise
Burton dish out another dose
of canine capers featuring the
Maze, the Obstacle Course
and, this week, the Doggy
Paddle. There's a chance to
guess the celebrity guest and
lots more family fun.

RESEARCH DAVID MIDDLEMISS
DESIGNER DAVID DREWERY
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER
TIM WATSON
TSW Production

2.00 Feature Film

STEVE RAILSBACK
MICHAEL BECK
PENELOPE MILFORD
THE GOLDEN SEAL

On a stormy night
on the island of
Unak in the
Aleutians, a boy named Eric
finds a golden seal. He stays
with her throughout the night
as she gives birth to a pup,
and in the morning they play
together. Filled with joy, Eric
tells his mother and father
about his amazing discovery.
But his father has been
searching for a mythical
golden seal for the past seven
years, and killing it is a point
of honour. . .

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Jim	Steve Railsback
Crawford	Michael Beck
Tania	Penelope Milford
Eric	Torquil Campbell
Semeyon	Seth Sakai
Alexei	Richard Narita
Gladys	Sandra Seacat
Tom	Peter Anderson
Mongo	Terence Kelly

SCREENPLAY JOHN GROVES,

BASED ON A BOOK BY

JAMES VANCE MARSHALL

DIRECTOR FRANK ZUNIGA

3.40 Central News

3.45 Afternoon Serial

THE YOUNG DOCTORS

A well-intentioned plan
backfires. Is one of the
patients really as ill as it first
appears?

4.15 to 5.15 Ice Skating

St Ivel International Gala

A special atmosphere at
Richmond greets many of the
world's top skaters as they
join in the fun of the festive
season. Without the pressure
of competition, the skaters
can relax and enjoy
themselves and the result is a
programme of comedy and
humour, grace and artistry.
The World Ice Dance
champions, Natalia
Bestemianova and Andrei
Bukin of the Soviet Union,
Canada's Brian Orser, silver
medallist in the last two
World Championships, and
the extrovert American Debi
Thomas head the overseas
entries. Susan Jackson,
Stephen Pickavance and
14-year-old Joanne Conway,
tipped by many as a future
world champion, are among
the British skaters taking part.
Jim Rosenthal introduces the
action with commentary by
Simon Reed.

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BOB BURROWS
EDITOR PHIL KING
PRODUCER DOUG HAMMOND
Independent Television Sport Production



2.30pm Launder and Gilliat: A Girl Must Live

MARGARET LOCKWOOD
RENEE HOUSTON
LILLI PALMER
GEORGE ROBey
NAUNTON WAYNE

A pretty, demure
student at a Swiss
finishing school
runs away because her
parents can't really afford to
pay for her education. She
decides that she will no
longer be a burden to them,
so she poses as her friend,
Leslie James, the daughter of
a very well known actress,
and moves into a boarding
house catering for theatrical
people. Then, by chance, she
lands a part in the chorus of
Joe Gold's Follies show. . .

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Leslie James	Margaret Lockwood
Gloria Lind	Renee Houston
Clytie Devine	Lilli Palmer
Horace Blount	George Robey
Earl of Pangborough	Hugh Sinclair
Hugo	Naunton Wayne
Joe Gold	David Burns
Miss Wallis	Mary Clare
Penelope	Kathleen Harrison
Mr Bretherton-Hythe	Moore Marriott

Miss Polkinghorne	Drusilla Willis
Mr Jolliffe	Wilson Coleman
Aunt Primrose	Helen Haye
Hodder	Frederick Burtwell
Mrs Blount	Kathleen Boutall
Mesdames	Muriel Aked
Dupont	Martita Hunt

SCREENPLAY FRANK LAUNDER
AUSTIN Melford,
MICHAEL PERTWEE, FROM THE
NOVEL BY EMERY BONET
DIRECTOR CAROL REED

4.15 Museum

This award-winning American
documentary looks at what
goes on behind the scenes at
four distinguished American
museums. Including the
acquisition of a Kanaga mask
from Africa at the museum of
African Art, Washington; the
examination and verification
of a 'Madonna and Child' by
Botticelli, at the Fogg
Museum, Cambridge,
Massachusetts; the duplication
in plaster of a dinosaur's
bones at the Museum of
Natural History in New York;
and the setting up of a
Tutankhamun exhibition at the
Metropolitan Museum of Art
in New York. Writers are Saul
J Turell, Jeff Lieberman and
Lois Katz.

PRODUCERS
SAUL J TURELL, JEFF LIEBERMAN
DIRECTOR JEFF LIEBERMAN
Janus Films Production

5.00 Bewitched

BUSINESS ITALIAN STYLE

Darrin must learn Italian to
land the Chef Romani account.
He goes out and buys a set of
Italian language records.

Samantha	Elizabeth Montgomery
Darrin	Dick York
Endora	Agnes Moorehead
Mr Arcarius	Renzo Cesana
Mr Romani	Fred Roberto
Larry Tate	David White

5.30 Steve Cram Joins the Supermilers

Roger Bannister became the
first man to run a mile in less
than four minutes. Since that
damp evening in Oxford, in
May 1954, 11 other athletes
have bettered or lowered the
world mile record. Each has
dominated an era of middle-
distance running and become
an international name: Elliott
and Landy from Australia,
Snell and Walker from New
Zealand, Jim Ryun from
America, Bayi from Africa,
Michel Jazy from France and
Derek Ibbotson, Steve Ovett,
Sebastian Coe and Steve
Cram from Britain. These are
the supermilers, the 12
athletes of one of the most
elite clubs in world sport.

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PRODUCER DRUMMOND CHALLIS
DIRECTOR/WRITER TONY MAYLAM
Ladbroke Entertainments/Worldmark
Production

6.30 News Summary and Weather

followed by

A Frame With Davis

STEVE DAVIS
BERNARD BRESSLAW
LESLIE THOMAS

There's a real contrast in
styles with Steve Davis's
guests today. The very tall
Bernard Bresslaw, who
prefers billiards, and best-
selling author Leslie Thomas,
who last played snooker 25
years ago.

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Renee Houston and George
Robey: 'A Girl Must Live'.

NEW YEAR'S EVE



Central

5.15pm Blockbusters

More general knowledge questions for teenagers in the quiz game.

News at 5.45

6.00 Crossroads

New Year's Eve party at the motel. Daniel upsets his step-uncle.

This week's cast

Sid Hooper	Stan Stennett
Joe MacDonald	Carl Andrews
Mavis Hooper	Charmian Eyre
Benny	Paul Henry
Roy Lambert	Steven Pinder
Anne-Marie Wade	Dee Heppburn
Barry Hart	Harry Nurmi
Joanna Freeman	Mary Lincoln
Daniel Freeman	Philip Goodnew
Mr Darby	Patrick Jordan
Nicola Freeman	Gabrielle Drake
Micky Doyle	Martin Smith
Joan Potter	Clare Kelly
Gordon Potter	Denis Holmes
Jill Chance	Jane Rossington
Adam Chance	Tony Adams
Dr Cullen	Sebastian Breaks
Lorraine Baker	Dorothy Brown
Clive Radd	Brian McDermott
Ted Thornton	Luke Bartley

DESIGNER MARTIN DAVEY
WRITER ROGER WHIELDON
STORIES PETER LING
SCRIPT EDITOR KATE HENDERSON
DIRECTOR DAVID ATTWOOD
PRODUCER PHILIP BOWMAN
Central Production

6.25 Central News

7.00 This is Your Life

EAMONN ANDREWS
Eamonn Andrews approaches someone, holds out the big red book and says *This is Your Life*. Find out who that someone is tonight as friends, relatives and colleagues gather from all over the world to join in the party.

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER
BRIAN KLEIN
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ROY BOTTOMLEY
DIRECTORS MICHAEL D KENT,
TERRY YARWOOD
PRODUCER MALCOLM MORRIS
Thames Television Production



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Lionel Blair, Maggie Moone in 'Name That Tune': 7.30.

7.30 Name That Tune

LIONEL BLAIR
MAGGIE MOONE
Alan Braden and his Orchestra

Who will be the last lucky contestant of 1985 to have a chance of taking home £1250, a special prize plus a new car? Lionel Blair is host of the music quiz, and singer Maggie Moone entertains. Alan Braden and his Orchestra provide the music. This week's contestants are Pauline Davis from Fiskerton in Lincolnshire and Anthony Harvey from Billersley in Birmingham. Maggie Moone pays tribute to the music of Jimmy Van Heusen and the lyrics of Johnny Burke, with their great standard *Imagination*. Music associate is Ray Monk; music director/consultant, Alan Braden.

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER
DAVID CLARK
Thames Television Production

8.00 The Freddie Starr Comedy Express

FREDDIE STARR
with TIM BARRETT
VEE BROOKS
FRANK CODA
ANNA DAWSON
GLYNN EDWARDS
BURT KWOUK
SUSAN TAGG
JANE WEST
and guests
FRANK BRUNO
GRAHAM FLETCHER
TERRY LAWLESS
LON SATTON
MAGGIE SCOTT

Catch up with one of the funniest men in Britain as this fast-moving comedy express special gets into full steam. Great sporting moments with the 'showbiz XI' with Dracula, Quasimodo, Tarzan and Ray Charles among the players. After 'Rocky' meet 'Schmucky' — who takes on Frank Bruno. In the Elvis Presley show Freddie brings you Mick Jagger, David Bowie, Johnny Cash and Demis Roussos. Guest singing stars Lon Satton

and Maggie Scott delight, Anna Dawson and Tim Barrett join Freddie in sketches and 12 sensational dancers will dazzle you. Writers are Sid Green, Eric Merriman, Keith Leonard, Len Marten and Freddie Starr.

Choreographers, Graham Fletcher, George May and Deirdra Lovell. Music associate Ray Monk. Music director Alan Braden.
DESIGNER ALEX CLARKE
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER
KEITH BECKETT
Thames Television Production

9.00 Feature Film

VANESSA REDGRAVE
RICHARD GERE

YANKS

FILM The American 1st Army is based near a Lancashire town during World War Two and John, a US captain, pursues a light-hearted friendship which edges towards intimacy with Helen, the wife of the local squire. Sgt Matt Dyson and his friend Sgt Danny Ruffelo find romance with a couple of local girls. *Yanks* continues at 10.45 after ITN News.

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Helen	Vanessa Redgrave
Matt Dyson	Richard Gere
John	William Devane
Jean Moreton	Lisa Eichhorn
Danny Ruffelo	Chick Vennera
Clarrie Moreton	Rachel Roberts
Jim Moreton	Tony Melody
Mollie	Wendy Morgan
Geoff Moreton	Martin Smith
Billy Rathbone	Philip Whiteman

SCREENPLAY COLIN WELLAND,
WALTER BERNSTEIN
DIRECTOR JOHN SCHLESINGER

10.30 ITN News

10.45 Yanks

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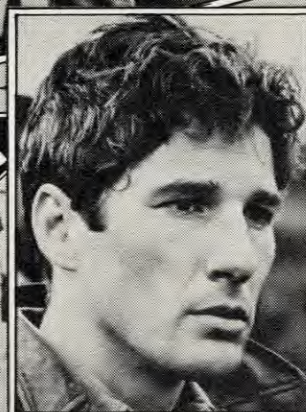
11.45 The New Year Show

JACK McLAUGHLIN
with special guest
RUSS ABBOT
and LENA ZAVARONI
SYDNEY DEVINE
ANDY CAMERON
ALLAN STEWART
PETER MORRISON
THE ALEXANDER BROTHERS
John Carmichael's Scottish Country Dance Band
The New Year Dancers

Welcome 1986 with top showbusiness celebrity Russ Abbot. Jack McLaughlin is your host in this Hogmanay special. Choreographer is Pat Armet; music director, David Pringle.

DESIGNER MARIUS VAN DER WERFF
PRODUCER DAVID BELL
DIRECTOR ANNE MASON
Scottish Television Production

12.30am Closedown



9.00

Two girls with *GI Blues*? Mollie and Jean (Wendy Morgan, Lisa Eichhorn, inset right). Go to war with them and Sgt Matt Dyson (Richard Gere, above). 'Yanks' on ITV.



11.45

Make way for a cracking good end to 1985 when Jack McLaughlin introduces a few people who want to say 'Hello, 1986' in 'The New Year Show'. Join them on ITV.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

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8.00

Freddie takes it on the chin when boxer Frank Bruno joins the celebrity guests who climb aboard 'The Freddie Starr Comedy Express', ITV.

7.00pm It's a Long Way from Tipperary and Armagh

THE CLANCY BROTHERS AND TOMMY MAKEM

This film features the four members of the famous Irish ballad group at a reunion concert at New York's Lincoln Center.

PRODUCER DAVID HAMMOND
DIRECTOR DEREK BAILEY
Landseer Production

8.00 Brookside

Harry does the conga while Doreen turns temptress. Terry is sorely tempted in a different way by Barry's ex-girlfriend. Bobby sees in the New Year on a picket line.

For cast, see Monday

8.30 Launder and Gilliat: London Belongs to Me

RICHARD ATTENBOROUGH
ALASTAIR SIM
FAY COMPTON
STEPHEN MURRAY

FILM London 1939: Life at No 10 Dulcimer Street, a typical South London boarding house,



Percy Boon (Richard Attenborough) and Doris Jossler (Susan Shaw) tackle the long arm of the law: 'London Belongs to Me'.

changes dramatically for the other residents when Percy, a garage mechanic, decides to make a little easy money by stealing a car. Things go very wrong when Myrna, an ex-girlfriend of Percy, gets involved in the theft and is killed. **See page 38**

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Made in black and white

Percy Boon	Richard Attenborough	Alastair Sim
Mr Squalor		Fay Compton
Mrs Jossler		Stephen Murray
Uncle Henry		Wylie Watson
Mr Jossler		Susan Shaw
Doris Jossler		Ivy St Helier
Connie Coke		Joyce Carey
Mrs Vizzard		Andrew Crawford
Bill Todds		Eleanor Summerfield
Myrna		Gladys Henson
Mrs Boon		Hugh Griffith
Headlam Fynne		Maurice Denham
Jack Rufus		Jack McNaughton
Jimmy		Henry Edwards
Superintendent		Ewen Solon
Clerk		

SCREENPLAY SIDNEY GILLIAT,
J B WILLIAMS, FROM THE NOVEL BY
NORMAN COLLINS
DIRECTOR SIDNEY GILLIAT

10.30 A Home of Your Own

RONNIE BARKER
RICHARD BRIERS
JANET BROWN
BERNARD CRIBBINS

FILM The famous wordless comedy in which a couple spend years trying to move into a home of their own...

Made in black and white

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With Bridget Armstrong, Ronnie Barker, George Benson, Richard

Briers, Janet Brown, Peter Butterworth, Gerald Campion, Helen Cotterill, Bernard Cribbins, Fred Emney, Bill Fraser, Barrie Gosney, Douglas Ives, Harry Locke, Jack Melford, Norman Mitchell, Thelma Ruby, Ronnie Stevens, Tony Tanner, Thorley Walters, Aubrey Woods, Henry Woolf.

SCREENPLAY JAY LEWIS,
JOHN WHYTE
DIRECTOR JAY LEWIS

11.20 At Last It's Hogmanay

BILLY CONNOLLY
ROBBIE COLTRANE
MAGGIE BELL
MIDGE URE
RAB NOAKES
GALLAGHER and LYLE
JOHN BETT
THE COMMUNARDS
TONY ROPER
JIM DIAMOND

The old meets the new as performers from showbiz and rock 'n' roll gather to pay tribute to the legendary Shandy McHarg. Some of Scotland's finest rock acts are there: Midge Ure, The Communards, Maggie Bell, Jim Diamond, Rab Noakes and Gallagher and Lyle. For more traditionally minded folk, some of the all-time greats of Scottish showbusiness have agreed to bring 1986 in with a song, a smile and a kick in the sporrán: folk singer Fiona McDade, poet and raconteur Elphinstone McCorquodale, the mellifluous tones of Scottish tenor Colin Ewe and the first national television appearance of the darlings of the Christian Mother's tea dance circuit, Ollie and Wally McCauley. Writers are Billy Connolly and Bill Jesse.
DIRECTOR GORDON ELSBURY
PRODUCERS ALISTAIR RAE,
DAVE CASH
Dover Productions

12.45am Close

11.20

New Year with a difference: Billy Connolly and Maggie Bell say 'At Last It's Hogmanay' on Channel Four.



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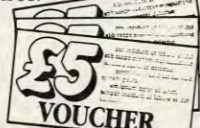
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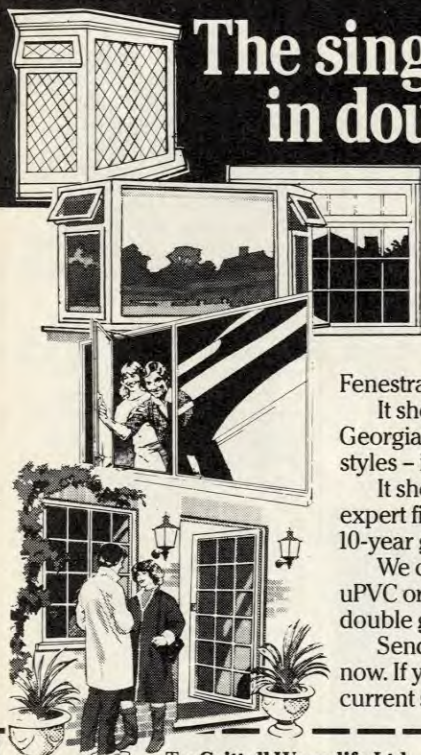
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Central

7.00 TV-am: Good Morning Britain

News Headlines with Adrian Brown 8.00.

Weather with Wincey Willis 7.58.

THE WIDE AWAKE CLUB BANK HOLIDAY SPECIAL

TOMMY BOYD
ARABELLA WARNER
JAMES BAKER

Rise and shine with The Wide Awake Club in this special Bank Holiday Show. Tommy, Arabella and James bring you cartoon capers starting with Rainbow Brite. Catch up with the latest adventures of Flipper, everyone's favourite dolphin. The Wac Team will be chatting to a host of celebrities who will be dropping in throughout the show. We travel back in time to relive some of the gang's wackiest escapades over the last year. Arabella will be playing some of the pop videos you have requested and there will be plenty of fun food ideas in Wac Snax and more spooky stories in Ghosts, Monsters and Legends.

9.25 Fraggles Rock

GOBO'S DISCOVERY

Gobo decides to give up exploring, until an invisible monster moves into Fraggles Rock. Fulton Mackay is the Captain.

DIRECTOR MARTIN LAVUT

9.50 The Bugs Bunny/Road Runner Movie

FILM This animated feature film includes five complete Bugs Bunny

cartoons plus excerpts from eight more of the hilarious hare's adventures. In addition there are 31 pieces of comedy action culled from 16 vintage cartoons featuring the speedy desert bird The Road Runner. And there's some 20 minutes of new material, including scenes set in Bug's Bunny's 'carrot palace' in Beverly Hills. A splendid treat for all cartoon addicts. **See page 38**
SCRIPT MIKE MALTESE,
CHUCK JONES
DIRECTOR CHUCK JONES

11.25 Gymnastics '85

Introduced by Dickie Davies
An action-packed programme that turns back the pages on a year in which world gymnastics reached new peaks of achievement. From the battle for the British titles at Wembley to the World Championships in Montreal, the greatest moments of this thrilling sport are shown again from ITV's exclusive national and international coverage. There's a look, too, at the grass roots of British gymnastics with highlights from the Thames Junior Gymnast competition as well as the grace and artistry of rhythmic gymnastics from the British Amateur Gymnastics Association International. Commentators are John Taylor and Monica Phelps.

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
BOB BURROWS
EDITOR BRYAN TREMBLE
PRODUCER JACK CRAWSHAW
Independent Television Sport Production

12.30 The Man Who Came to Breakfast

GEOFFREY BOND
KATE O'MARA

An entertaining but informative introduction to antiques. Expert Geoffrey Bond travels back in time to the Upstairs, Downstairs world of a Midlands country house at the turn of the century. It is early morning but already the servants are bustling around in the kitchen preparing



Arabella and Tommy say a holiday hello: 'TV-am' 7.00.

breakfast with mundane pots and pans which years later have become antiques — easy to find and not too expensive to buy.

Butler Terence Coates
Manservant Adrian Fletcher
Housekeeper Shirley Hutton
Maid Sally Anne Meese
CAMERA GERRY PINCHES
EDITOR SUE BROOK
PRODUCER GEORGE MITCHELL
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
DAVID GERRARD
Central Production

1.00 ITN News

1.05 to 5.00 Movie Premiere

CHARLTON HESTON
YUL BRYNNER
ANNE BAXTER
EDWARD G ROBINSON

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

FILM Found in a cradle floating in the river, the Hebrew Moses is adopted by the Princess Bithiah and grows to be the favourite and apparent heir of the Egyptian Pharaoh, Sethi. But Moses earns the enmity of the powerful Prince Rameses and, when his origins are betrayed by Dathan, a court official, Moses is exiled to the desert...

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Moses Charlton Heston
Rameses II Yul Brynner
Nefretiti Anne Baxter
Dathan Edward G Robinson
Sephora Yvonne De Carlo
Joshua John Derek
Baka Vincent Price
Sethi Sir Cedric Hardwicke
Lilia Debra Paget
Jannes Douglass Dumbrie
Bithiah Nina Foch
Memnet Judith Anderson
Aaron John Carradine
Pentaur Henry Wilcoxon
SCREENPLAY AENEAS MACKENZIE,
JESSE L LASKY JR, JACK GARISS,
FREDERICK M FRANK,
FROM THE BIBLE AND FROM BOOKS
BY J H INGRAHAM, DOROTHY CLARKE
AND A E SOUTHOON
DIRECTOR CECIL B DEMILLE

Chained but not conquered. Moses (Charlton Heston) in 'The Ten Commandments'.



11.00am American Football

NICKY HORNE
JOHN SMITH

First part of a special New Year's Day double-header of the best in American sport. This extra dose of football concentrates on the two wild card games, played by the two teams from each conference with the best records other than the division winners. Wake up to 1986 with the sight and sound of football at its finest. Presented by Nicky Horne and John Smith.

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER
MIKE WILMOT
PRODUCER GARY FRANCES
Cheerleader Production

12.30 Baseball

Apart from football America's other great sports preoccupation is baseball. Channel Four presents its first coverage in response to many requests. This year's World Series games were played between the National League winners, the St Louis Cardinals, and the winners of the American League, the Kansas City Royals. The series, with a best of seven games format, is played over 10 days with games in both Kansas and St Louis. Reporter is Martin Tyler. Baseball coverage by ABC Sports. PRODUCERS DEREK BRANDON, JIM MAROONEY
Cheerleader Production

2.00 Launder and Gilliat: Waterloo Road

JOHN MILLS
STEWART GRANGER
ALASTAIR SIM
JOY SHELTON

FILM First of two classic British films this afternoon in the season of Frank Launder and Sidney Gilliat productions. London 1940: Tillie Colter is living with her mother-in-law and her sister-in-law while her husband, Jim, is away in the Army. Feeling restless, Tillie falls under the charms of Ted Purvis, the local lady-killer, ex-boxer and king of the pin-table saloons round the Waterloo Road, who has evaded Army service by using a forged medical certificate. Jim hears all is not



Margaret Rutherford and Alastair Sim savour 'The Happiest Days of Your Life'.

well at home and breaks out of camp...

Made in black and white

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Jim Colter	John Mills
Ted Purvis	Stewart Granger
Dr Montgomery	Alastair Sim
Tillie Colter	Joy Shelton
Mrs Colter	Beatrice Varley
Ruby	Alison Leggatt
Fred	Arthur Denton
Vera	Vera Frances
Mike Duggan	Leslie Bradley
Cpl Lewis	Ben Williams
Tom Mason	George Carney
May	Anna Konstam
Alf	Dennis Harkin
Toni	Jean Kent

SCREENPLAY/DIRECTOR
SIDNEY GILLIAT

3.25 The Happiest Days of Your Life

ALASTAIR SIM
MARGARET RUTHERFORD
JOYCE GRENFELL

FILM Through a Ministry error, a girls' school, St Swithin's, is billeted in Nutbourne College for Boys. Wetherby Pond, Nutbourne's headmaster, is aghast when he realises what has happened — even more when he has to contend with Miss Whitchurch, the formidable headmistress of the girls' school. Worse is to come when governors of Nutbourne and some of the parents plan to visit the school on the same day. A classic British comedy.

Made in black and white

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Wetherby Pond	Alastair Sim
Miss Whitchurch	
	Margaret Rutherford
Miss Gossage	Joyce Grenfell
Rainbow	Edward Rigby
Victor Hyde-Brown	
	Guy Middleton
Richard Tassell	John Bentley
Miss Harper	Bernadette O'Farrell
Miss Jeppard	Muriel Akeed
Matthews	John Turnbull
Arnold Billings	Richard Wattis
Anthony Ramsden	Arthur Howard
Miss Curtis	Millicent Wolf
Miss Chappell	Myrette Morven
Mr West	Russell Waters

SCREENPLAY JOHN DIGHTON,
FRANK LAUNDER
DIRECTOR FRANK LAUNDER



NEW YEAR'S DAY

8.30

A woman of driving ambition
Kate (Lee Remick) comes
between artist Julian (Stacy
Keach) and his model/lover
Maggy (Stefanie Powers).
'Mistral's Daughter', ITV.



Central

5.00pm ITN News

5.05 A Royal Celebration of Youth

In the presence of the Queen, some of the world's most talented young artists appear, each introduced by a special guest, to remind us that yesterday was the end of the International Year of Youth and that today marks the start of the International Year of Peace. The proceeds from this gala concert go towards the work of the YMCA and its care for under-privileged young people throughout Britain. Those appearing are: A-Ha, Cilla Black, Chris Bonington, Maureen Brathwaite, Rory Bremner, Geoff Capes, Bobby Charlton, Sebastian Coe, John Dankworth, Bobby Davro, Anne Diamond, Geraint Evans, Tim Flavin, Clare Francis, David Frost, Paul Galbraith, Katherine Healy, Armando Hurley, Inspirational Choir, Emma Johnson, Brian Johnston, Nik Kershaw, Kneller Hall Trumpeters, Bonnie Langford, Vera Lynn, Alicia Markova, National Youth Jazz Orchestra, Andrew O'Connor, Tom O'Connor, The Brian Rogers Dancers, Five Star, Jimmy Tarbuck and Lena Zavaroni. Plus the voice of John Dunn. Music director is Robert Hartley, choreography by Brian Rogers.

DESIGNER ANDREW SANDERSON
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
VERNON LAWRENCE
PRODUCER IAN BOLT
DIRECTOR GRAHAM WETHERELL
Yorkshire Television Production

6.35 Crossroads

Sid can't cope with Mave being ill. There are unexpected visitors for Barry.
For cast, see Tuesday
DIRECTOR
JOHN SCHOLZ-CONWAY

Programmes as Central except:

TVS 12.30 to 1.00 Wish You Were Here.

GRANADA 12.30 to 1.00 Search for Wealth.

YORKSHIRE 12.30 to 1.00 Wish You Were Here.

HTV 12.30 to 1.00 Wish You Were Here.

THAMES 12.30 to 1.00 Wish You Were Here.

ANGLIA 12.30 to 1.00 Mr and Mrs.

7.00 Coronation Street

Some disturbing revelations force a confrontation between Ken Barlow and Susan.

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For cast, see Monday
WRITER H V KERSHAW

7.30 Des O'Connor Tonight

Make it your first resolution to relax in the company of Des and his big-name guests.

DESIGNERS PHILIP BLOWERS,
HARRY CLARK
ASSOCIATE PRODUCER
JOHN GRAHAM
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER
BRIAN PENDERS

Thames Television Production

8.30 Mistral's Daughter

BY JUDITH KRANTZ
BASED ON HER OWN NOVEL
STEFANIE POWERS
STACY KEACH

Part One

Start of a three-part drama which tells the story of Maggy Lunel, a young Jewish girl who runs away from home to become an artist's model. Part two is tomorrow at 8.30.

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Maggy Lunel	Stefanie Powers
Julien Mistral	Stacy Keach
Kate Browning	Lee Remick
Perry Kilkullen	Timothy Dalton
Jason Darcy	Robert Urich
Paula Deslandes	Stephane Audran
Adrian Avigdor	Ian Richardson
Mary Jane Kilkullen	Alexandra Stewart

Fauve Lunel	Philippine Leroy Beaulieu
Teddy Lunel	Stephanie Dunnam
Eric Avigdor	Pierre Malet

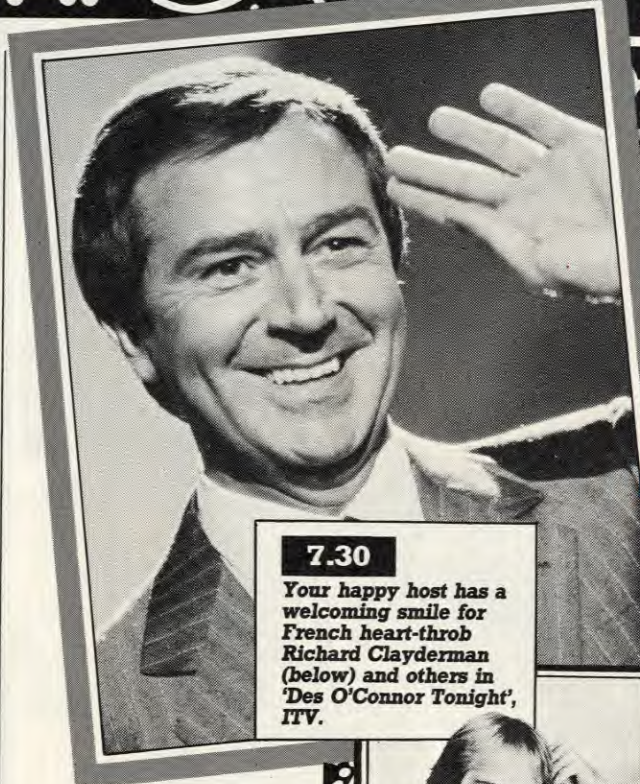
10.30 ITN News

10.45 Vincent Price's Dracula

An entertaining one-hour special about Dracula — both the real-life bloodthirsty 15th-



Ken Barlow (William Roache) faces a confrontation, 7.00.



7.30

Your happy host has a welcoming smile for French heart-throb Richard Clayderman (below) and others in 'Des O'Connor Tonight', ITV.



century Count, Vlad the Impaler, and the fictional vampire, Count Dracula, created in 1897 by Bram Stoker. Master of Horror, Vincent Price presents clips from some of the most memorable Dracula films, dramatised excerpts from Vlad the Impaler's military career and incredible location footage from Transylvania showing a people whose lifestyle and customs are still influenced by their medieval leader and national hero, Count Dracula.

11.45 Sonny Hayes & Co

SONNY HAYES
SALLY WINDROSS
with Andy Petredes
Tony Friel
The Charleys
The West End Boys

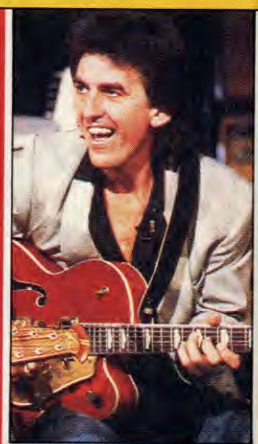
Welcome to a programme of cracking comedy and mind-boggling magic as the zany duo Sonny Hayes and Sally Windross host their own show. Don't miss the amazing flea circus or a break-dancing Quasimodo. Thrill to the daring young man on the flying... see-saw. In fact, all the fun of the fair, circus and Labour Exchange. Writers Sonny Hayes, Sally Windross with additional material from John Chesterman, Phil Swordlow and Chris Langham. Music director Mike Moram.

DESIGNER ROBERT SCOTT
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER
IAN BOLT
Yorkshire Television Production

12.15am
Closedown

8.00

Ex-Beatles Ringo Starr and George Harrison invite you to put on your 'Blue Suede Shoes' and rock with the stars in an unforgettable party. Make a date on Channel Four.



NEW YEAR'S DAY



5.00pm The Custard Boys

FILM England in 1942: a group of London boys is evacuated to East Anglia and a countryside they neither like nor respect. Mark Stein, an Austrian refugee baited by the other boys because he is Jewish, is put into the care of John Curlew, who hardly relishes his new responsibility. Meanwhile, the London 'gang', taunted by country rivals, decides to take action and fixes a time and place for a decisive pitched battle...

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John Curlew
Lewis Craig
Mark Stein
Jacob Freen
Willy Aldrich
Andrew Craig
Diana Freen
Vicar
John Curlew (grown up)

Chris Chescoe
Ben Clennell
Eric Milliet
Paul Bolton
Matthew Cormack
Andrew Atkinson
Sarah Clennell
John Rae

Tony Collins
Les Scott
Glenn Dunderdale
Doug Dawes
Roger Cleave
Dave Stanbury
Jenny Clennell
Oscar Romp

SCREENPLAY KIRAN GARCHA
COLIN FINBOW
DIRECTOR COLIN FINBOW

6.30 News Summary and Weather

followed by

A Frame with Davis

STEVE DAVIS
BERNIE WINTERS
CHRIS SERLE

Steve has a chance of checking the form of his doubles partner Chris Serle as he breaks off against Bernie Winters.

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7.00 Mr Parnes Shillings and Pence

A film portrait of Larry Parnes, the legendary Svengali of pop. Myth has it that Larry Parnes saw Tommy Steele in the 2 Is coffee bar in Soho and the British rock industry was born. This documentary explores this and other myths that have grown up around the man who discovered, created and

promoted the best of Britain's rock and roll stars from the 1950s and early 1960s — Tommy Steele, Marty Wilde, Billy Fury, Joe Brown, Georgie Fame and Dickie Pride. The programme explores the era, with television and film from that period and interviews with the stars and personalities who helped to shape it. Includes interviews with journalist John Edwards, Marty Wilde, Tommy Steele, Larry Parnes, John Kennedy, Lee Everett-Alkin, Joe Brown, Georgie Fame.

FILM EDITOR PETER ORTON
PRODUCER JO LUSTIG
DIRECTOR ALAN LEWENS
Jo Lustig Production

8.00 Blue Suede Shoes

CARL PERKINS
GEORGE HARRISON
RINGO STARR
ERIC CLAPTON
DAVE EDMUNDS
Geraint Watkins
The Stray Cats

A chance to see a unique event in rock music. George Harrison joins Ringo Starr for the first time since the early Seventies, Eric Clapton, Dave Edmunds and a host of top stars to play rockabilly with the godfather of rock and roll, Carl Perkins.

PRODUCER STEPHANIE BENNETT
DIRECTOR TOM GUTTERIDGE
Delilah Films Production

9.00 Unknown Chaplin

1: MY HAPPIEST YEARS

Charlie Chaplin was the most famous film-maker in the world. Yet his working methods are virtually unknown, thanks to his habit of ordering the destruction of his out-takes. Happily, he was not always obeyed. The first of three programmes this week follows the progress of Chaplin's ideas through uncut rushes from the 1916-17 period, acquired from film collector Raymond Rohauer. Chaplin develops his scenes right in front of the camera, improvising a film, only to abandon it and start all over again. Narrator is James Mason, music by Carl Davis. Part two tomorrow.

Previously shown on ITV

FILM EDITOR TREVOR WAITE
WRITERS/PRODUCERS
DAVID GILL, KEVIN BROWNLOW
Thames Television Production

10.00 Brigitte Bardot — My Own Story

THE EARLY YEARS

Now 51 and officially retired, BB remains one of the cinema's most alluring yet elusive stars. But in this revealing three-part series Brigitte Bardot talks about the



Charlie Chaplin's out-takes provide a glimpse of the 'Unknown Chaplin' at 9.00.

'real' Bardot behind the legend. Part two tomorrow. ‡

WRITER
ALLAIN BOUGRAIN-DUBOURG
DIRECTOR CATHERINE POUBEAU
PRODUCER
ALLAIN BOUGRAIN-DUBOURG
Sygma/Antenna 2 Production

11.00 The Comic Strip Presents... Consuela

BY DAWN FRENCH
JENNIFER SAUNDERS
DAWN FRENCH
JENNIFER SAUNDERS
ADRIAN EDMONDSON
RIK MAYALL
PETER RICHARDSON

John returns to his ancestral home, 'Brownstokes', with a pretty new wife, Jessica. But it soon transpires that John is much more interested in his dogs than Jessica, and then there's Consuela, John's Spanish housemaid, who runs the house and seems to resent the presence of Jessica. Another Comic Strip tomorrow.

John	Adrian Edmondson
Jessica	Jennifer Saunders
Consuela	Dawn French
Mother	Linda Spriggs
Richard	Rik Mayall
Local	Lynn Rees
Mrs Tattle	Mollie Maureen
Julio	Peter Richardson
Miranda	Helen Atkinson-Wood
Bumble	Serena Evans
Jeremy	Rupert Van Sittart
Tom	Robin Lermite
Jane	Harriet Thorpe

PRODUCER ELAINE TAYLOR
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
MICHAEL WHITE
DIRECTOR STEPHEN FREARS
Michael White/Comic Strip Production

11.45 to 12.45am Persuaders

Former top model Rutassia, now a Hare Krishna devotee, introduces *Breaking Glass* star Hazel O'Connor to the movement and its guru. This is an intimate and highly entertaining look at the values and persuasive style of the controversial religious group.
PRODUCER/DIRECTOR
ANNA RAPHAEL

5.05

Count on high-octane entertainment when young performers like pop group Five Star contribute to 'A Royal Celebration of Youth' in aid of charity. It's quite a concert... ITV.



Central

6.15 TV-am: Good Morning Britain

NICK OWEN
JAYNE IRVING

The Best Of...

Over the next month, TV-am will be taking a nostalgic look back over the past two years at some of the most interesting and entertaining features, from Fenton Bressler's Casebook to Fantasy Time, Now and Then and many more.

News with Adrian Brown

6.15, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30.

Weather with Wincey Willis

6.28, 6.58, 7.28, 7.58, 8.28.

Sport: Mike Morris

6.35, 7.34.

Lizzie Webb

6.20.

News Topics

6.45, 7.07, 7.45,

8.13, 8.45. Regional Report

7.15. Cartoon 7.24. Pop Video

with Julie Brown 7.54.

WACADAY 9.00.

Join Timmy Mallett and Terry from

Are You Awake Yet? There's

Transformers, pop videos, Terry's

art gallery and a chance to tell us

your favourite jokes.

9.25 Fraggles Rock

MOKEY'S FUNERAL

Mokey dreams up a clever

plan to fool Junior Gorg. Her

Fraggle pals are not sure it's

so clever. Fulton Mackay is

the Captain.

TV Times Be sure to place a regular order



Cardsharp Barney (Warren Beatty) proves he's the ace of hearts with Angel (Susannah York). 'Kaleidoscope', 1.45.

9.50 Walt Disney Presents

FERDINAND THE BULL/ THE THREE BLIND MOUSKATEERS

The story of a bull who just wants to sit quietly and smell the flowers. One day he catches a matador's fancy.

10.05 Time Travel: Fact, Fiction and Fantasy

A documentary on time travel that includes clips from films such as *The Final Countdown*, *Twilight Zone*, *Somewhere in Time*, *First Men in the Moon* and *Time After Time* as well as Steven Spielberg's latest movie *Back to the Future*.

11.05 Morning Cinema

JASON PIRIHI SEA URCHINS

FILM Adventure about some youngsters who inherit an old sailing boat — and steer straight into the hands of an international gang of smugglers.

Hape Jason Pirihi
Nik Huru Rakete
Peter Freddie Hemara
Gabrielle Rachel Weston
Harvey John Bach
Sharky Roy Billing
Gripper Ian Watkin
Uncle Roger Ian Mune
Auntie Mihi Esther Davis
Granny Ruiha Nia-Nia

12.30 Contact

Coming live from Nottingham each week, this is a lively half-hour magazine programme about people's needs and beliefs and the issues behind them. There's useful practical advice, too —

Funny man Norman Collier (inset) takes his cue from the world snooker champion in 'An Evening with Dennis Taylor' at 10.30.

this week, the subject is rape. For a free advice sheet on the subject, send a sae to: Contact (Rape), P.O. Box 96, Birmingham, B1 2JL.
RESEARCH BERNARD CARTWRIGHT,
LYNN TODD
DIRECTOR DAVID BERMAN
PRODUCER MICHAEL HART
Central Production

1.00 News at One

LEONARD PARKIN
News and views from around the world today.

1.20 Central News

1.30 Cartoon Time

**BOSTON QUACKIE/
PUTTY TAT TROUBLE**
A double helping of classic cartoon capers with Daffy Duck and Porky Pig in a cloak-and-dagger spy spoof, followed by a Tweety Pie tale which sees the timorous little bird under threat from two marauding cats.

1.45 Central Cinema

WARREN BEATTY SUSANNAH YORK ERIC PORTER CLIVE REVILL KALEIDOSCOPE

FILM A thriller about an American playboy, Barney, who devises a foolproof system for winning at cards. Breaking into the Kaleidoscope card factory in Switzerland, Barney makes tiny marks on the plates from which the cards are printed. Then he proceeds to clean up at every casino in Europe — to the delight of his mistress, Angel. Unfortunately, her father is a Scotland Yard inspector, and he threatens Barney with prison unless he helps to break a notorious gambler and narcotics king called Dominion.

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Barney Lincoln Warren Beatty
Angel McGinnis Susannah York
Dominion Eric Porter
Insp McGinnis (Manny)
Clive Revill
Sgt Aimes Murray Melvin
Billy George Sewell
Leeds Anthony Newlands
Dominion porter John Junkin
Receptionist Yootha Joyce
Exquisite Thing Jane Birkin
Johnny George Murcell
SCREENPLAY ROBERT AND
JANE-HOWARD CARRINGTON
DIRECTOR JACK SMIGHT

3.40 Central News



3.45 Afternoon Serial

SONS AND DAUGHTERS

Gordon begins to realise the seriousness of Andy's situation and becomes more supportive of Barbara.

This week's cast:

Gordon Hamilton Brian Blain
Andrew Green Danny Roberts
Barbara Hamilton

Robin Elliott
Kathleen Elliott

Cornelia Frances
Scott McGregor
Kate Sheil

4.15 The Adventures of Little Lord Fauntleroy

BY BLANCHE HANALIS

JOHN MILLS with JERRY SUPIRAN

The continuation of Frances Hodgson Burnett's famous children's story about a young American who becomes heir to an ancient English earldom. Ceddie, having finally broken through his grandfather's icy reserve, is reunited with his mother and the three set up home together. When a young estate worker, one of Ceddie's new friends, is seriously injured by a poacher, Ceddie is forced once more into conflict with his grandfather...

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Earl of Dorincourt John Mills
Ceddie Erroll Jerry Supiran
Mrs Erroll Caroline Smith
Mary Carmel McSharry

Dawson Pat Keen
Mellon Gary Cowper
Doctor Jeremy Hawk
Billy Dennis Savage
McGregor Godfrey James
Mrs Mulley Kate Binchy
Mr Mulley Jim Norton
Hustings David Cook

5.15 Blockbusters

More general knowledge questions for teenagers in the quiz game.

News at 5.45

6.00 Crossroads

Roy's equipment blows a fuse! Anne-Marie and Jill share some 'baby-talk'.

For cast, see Tuesday WRITER BEN STEED

Programmes as Central except:
TVS 12.30 to 1.00 Sullivan's; 3.45 to 4.15 That's My Dog; 6.00 Coast to Coast; 6.25 to 6.50 Crossroads.
GRANADA 12.30 to 1.00 Sullivan's; 3.45 Young Doctors; 4.10 to 4.15 Cartoon; 6.00 Granada Reports; 6.25 to 6.50 Crossroads.
YORKSHIRE 12.30 to 1.00 Calendar; 6.00 Calendar; 6.25 to 6.50 Crossroads.
HTV 12.30 to 1.00 Sullivan's; 6.00 HTV News; 6.25 to 6.50 Crossroads.
HTV (Wales) as general service except: 6.00 Wales at Six.
THAMES 12.30 to 1.00 Sullivan's; 6.00 to 6.40 Thames News.
ANGLIA 12.30 to 1.00 Short Story Theatre; 6.00 About Anglia; 6.25 to 6.50 Crossroads.

6.25 Central News

6.50 Knight Rider

DAVID HASSELHOFF
EDWARD MULHARE
PATRICIA McPHERSON
PETER PARROS

KNIGHT OF THE JUGGERNAUT

Michael Knight and his wonder car KITT tangle with Third World terrorists and the 'Juggernaut'.

Michael Knight David Hasselhoff
Devon Miles Edward Mulhare
Bonnie Barstow

Patricia McPherson
Peter Parros
Philip Nordstrom John Considine
Marta Simmons

Pamela Susan Shoop
Jennifer Knight Kate McGeehan
Jim Hower Nicholas Worth
Dr Don Von Furst Mary Woronov
Jonathan Elliott Clifford Murdock

8.30 Mistral's Daughter

STEFANIE POWERS
STACY KEACH

Part Two

Maggy is now in New York with a young daughter to support. In Provence, Mistral's career skyrockets but World War Two is looming. The story is concluded tomorrow at 7.45.

For cast, see Wednesday

10.15 ITN News

followed by

Central News

10.30 An Evening with Dennis Taylor

Dennis Taylor's last-gasp triumph over Steve Davis in

the 1985 World Snooker Championship was one of the year's most popular victories. It confirmed that his quality as a match player equalled his reputation as the game's No 1 entertainer. But Taylor the comedian hasn't been changed by success, as is shown by tonight's specially staged entertainment, an A to Z of trick shots with guest appearances by comedy stars Norman Collier, Roy Walker and Bal Moane. Dennis also takes time out from his family festivities in Blackburn to reflect with Dickie Davies on a year that made him an overnight sensation after 13 seasons as a snooker also-ran.

DIRECTORS STUART WILSON,
LEWIS WILLIAMS
EDITOR RICK WAUMSLEY
PRODUCER TREVOR EAST
Independent Television Sport Production

11.30 Duke Ellington — Love You Madly

Edward Kennedy 'Duke' Ellington, born Washington DC 1899, died New York 1972, was one of the most popular and prolific jazz composers of this century. Last year Oldham in Lancashire played host to the first-ever Duke Ellington Conference held outside America. Clarinetist Jimmy Hamilton and trumpeter Willie Cook, who both played with Ellington, remember the Duke and, with other musicians, recreate his sound.

RESEARCH BILL JONES
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER ROD CAIRD
DIRECTOR TONY BULLEY
PRODUCER RACHEL HEBDITCH
Granada Television Production

12.30am Closedown



Jimmy Hamilton, Herbs Jeffries, Alice Babs, Willie Cook declare: 'Duke Ellington — Love You Madly'. 11.30.



2.30pm Turkey Time



Christmas time at the seaside: Max and David are good Samaritans to Rose, a stranded concert-party pierrette. This is rather awkward for Max, who already has a sweetheart, but David is ready to take Rose off his hands...

Made in black and white

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Max Tom Walls
David Ralph Lynn
Edwin Robertson Hare
Mrs Gather Mary Brough
Rose Dorothy Hyson
Ernestine Norma Varden
Louise Veronica Rose
Westbourne D A Clarke-Smith
Florence Marjorie Corbett

SCREENPLAY BEN TRAVERS
DIRECTOR TOM WALLS

3.45 Poets and People

TONY HARRISON

Another chance to see leading poet Tony Harrison, who adapted *The Mysteries* (currently showing on Sundays on Channel Four), reading his work at the Original Oak pub, Headingley, Yorkshire to the people he grew up with.

ASSISTANT PRODUCER
SUE EATWELL
PRODUCER/DIRECTOR
JOHN McGRATH
Freeway Film Production

4.30 The Soldier's Tale

A full-length animated version of a Russian folk tale set to Stravinsky's music of the same title. A little soldier meets the devil and trades his violin against the promise of good fortune. Music performed by the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, conductor Gerard Schwarz. Animation by R O Blechman.

Ink Tank Production

5.30 A Language for Ben

At the age of 10 months, Ben Fletcher was diagnosed profoundly deaf. His parents, Lorraine and Ray, were forced to re-examine the way they looked at the world. How could they communicate with their child? In the end, it was other deaf people who showed the Fletchers the way forward, through sign language. This is a *Listening Eye Special*, with sign

language and subtitles, and a short introduction by Clark Denmark. Programme consultant is Peter Llewellyn-Jones.

FILM CAMERAMAN FRED CRONE
FILM EDITOR STEVE CUMMINGS
DIRECTORS ROB COWLEY,
PAUL DICKIN
PRODUCER BOB DUNCAN
Tyne Tees Television Production

6.30 A Frame with Davis

STEVE DAVIS
KENNY LYNCH
SUZANNE DANIELLE

Last programme in the series. Suzanne Danielle has a few shocks in store for Kenny Lynch as Steve Davis acts as referee and coach.

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7.00 Channel 4 News and Weather

7.30 Robin Cousins Has Paris on Ice

Last weekend, many of the top names in ice skating took part in a competition in Paris. Stars included Britain's former European, World and Olympic champion Robin Cousins. Simon Reed spent the day with Cousins — and this film includes his stunning new routine, seen in this country for the first time tonight.

PRODUCER DEREK BRANDON
Cheerleader Production

8.00 NEW SERIES Treasure Hunt

KENNETH KENDALL
ANNEKA RICE
Winney Willis

Will Anneka, the intrepid skyrunner, be able to find the treasure in time to win £1000 for David Curtis, a headmaster from Rickmansworth, and Anthony Casson, an optician from Northwood? Follow Annie in her helicopter for another exciting edition of *Treasure Hunt* from North Wales. Creative associate is Anne Evans.

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DIRECTOR CHRIS GAGE
PRODUCERS MALCOLM HEYWORTH,
PETER HOLMANS
Chatsworth Television Production

9.00 Unknown Chaplin

2: THE GREAT DIRECTOR

In the second of three programmes, Chaplin's actors at his own studio recall working on his films *The Kid*, *The Gold Rush* and *City Lights*. Also featured is unique footage of the making of *City Lights*. Part three tomorrow.

10.00 Brigitte Bardot — My Own Story STARDOM

In the second of three programmes, Brigitte Bardot takes us behind the scenes and — with the aid of film extracts and newsreels — shows us her own version of BB at the height of her fame. Part three tomorrow.

11.00 The Comic Strip Presents...

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

BY ADRIAN EDMONDSON
ADRIAN EDMONDSON
RIK MAYALL
PETER RICHARDSON
JENNIFER SAUNDERS
DAWN FRENCH
NIGEL PLANER
LIONEL JEFFRIES
CHRIS LANGHAM
ROGER SLOMAN

Keith, a toilet paper delivery man, steals a rock group's demonstration tape, takes it to a record company and, having made sure the band are sent abroad, begins to make a lot of money. All goes well until the original band suddenly return to England...

Keith Peter Richardson
Man Malcolm Hardee
Nigel Chris Langham
Ali Kitson Rik Mayall
Debbie Jennifer Saunders
Brian Adrian Edmondson
Mr Pinder Roger Sloman
Louise Serena Evans
Derek Nigel Planer
Jerry Paul Bradley
Barman Lionel Jeffries
Naylor Dawn French

PRODUCER ELAINE TAYLOR
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
MICHAEL WHITE
DIRECTOR ADRIAN EDMONDSON
A Michael White/
Comic Strip Production

11.40 to 12.10am Tongues of Fire CRAIG RAINE

Craig Raine, a self-confessed atheist, concedes that 'the universe is extraordinary, and that's where I'd stop'. He reads poems by Nabokov, George Herbert and William Blake, and describes his early religious influences from his Catholic mother and faith-healing father. A free poetry booklist is available from address 1, page 75.

DIRECTOR IAN HAMILTON
PRODUCER BRUCE PALLING
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
ADAM CLAPHAM
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Central

6.15 TV-am: Good Morning Britain

NICK OWEN
JAYNE IRVING

The Best Of... More features from the past from *Me and My Mum* to *Star Turn* and more.

News: Adrian Brown 6.15, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30.

Weather with Wincey Willis 6.28, 6.58, 7.28, 7.58, 8.28.

Sport: Mike Morris 6.35, 7.34. Lizzie Webb: 6.20.

News Topics 6.45, 7.07, 7.45, 8.13, 8.45. **Cartoon** 7.24.

Pop Video with Julie Brown: 7.54.

Dempster on Friday. Nigel Dempster with all the latest gossip 8.15.

Jimmy Greaves' TV Highlights 8.35.

WACADAY 9.00.

With Timmy Mallett and Terry from *Are You Awake Yet?* Transformers, pop videos, Terry's art Gallery and your chance to tell us your favourite jokes.

9.25 Fraggie Rock

THE BEAST OF BLUEROCK

Wembley Fraggie has a major falling out with his best friend Gobo — but he follows him on an adventure into the lair of a mythical beast. Fulton Mackay is the Captain. ‡

9.50 Worldwise

DAVID JENSEN

Travel the world before lunch! The fast-moving, hi-tech quiz takes off a little earlier this week. David Jensen programs the computer as teams compete against one another.

Programmes as Central except:

TVS 3.45 to 4.15 Glenroe; 6.00 Coast to Coast; 6.30 to 7.00 That's What You Think.

GRANADA 12.30 to 1.00 Pride Factor; 3.45 Young Doctors; 4.10 to 4.15 Cartoon; 6.00 Granada Reports; 6.30 to 7.00 Cosby Show; 12.15 to 1.25am Hammer House of Mystery.

YORKSHIRE 6.00 Calendar; 6.30 to 7.00 Diffrent Strokes; 12.15 to 12.45 That's Hollywood.

HTV 6.00 HTV News; 6.30 to 7.00 Review of the Year.

HTV (Wales) as general service except: 6.00 Wales at Six.

THAMES/LWT 12.30 to 1.00 Here to Stay; 6.00 to 6.30 Thames Weekend News; 6.15 Police 5; 6.30 to 7.00 Child's Play; 12.30 to 1.25am New From London.

ANGLIA 6.00 to 7.00 About Anglia.



Good Autobots and evil Decepticons do battle in space. They're known as the 'Transformers'. See 'Wacaday', TV-am.

pretending to travel from place to place and clocking up mileage.

DESIGNER QUENTIN CHASES

DEVISER TIM GRAHAM

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER

TIM EDMUNDS

DIRECTOR J NIGEL PICKARD

TVS Production

10.10 Monte Carlo Circus Festival

Outstanding acts from around the world. There's a strong contingent from the Russian

State Circus including some brilliantly inventive clowns, the exciting Djigites horsemen from the steppes and trapeze artists Natalia Vasilieva and Iuri Alexandrov. Watch out, too, for China's Lu Lixin who performs some incredible balancing feats. Among others on the bill are amazing Japanese juggler Koma Zuru, French acrobats Les Santus and an outstanding trapeze group from Korea, Bok Nam — not forgetting Les Niccolini, the chimps who have delighted audiences at the Paris Lido.

11.00 to 12.30 Morning Cinema

BUDDY RURUKU
IAN TEMPLETON

THE MAD DOG GANG



The Mad Dog Gang sets a test when a boy called Pickle wants to join the group. The test is arranged at a haunted castle, but the gang's interest is diverted when they discover that the building is not only haunted but has some very suspicious visitors as well...

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Harvey Tony Suey Pickle Wilkie Wink Wink Wobblor Uncle Eric Auntie Maureen Schoolteacher
Buddy Ruruku Ian Templeton Julie Wilson David Kennelly John Bach Bruno Lawrence Ian Watkin Brian Beresford Eve Durning Don Donner
TELEPLAY IAN MUNE
DIRECTOR ROSS JENNINGS

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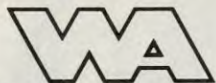
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Central

12.30pm

NEW SERIES

The Search for Wealth

CHRIS ROGERS

WHO PROFITS FROM PROFIT?

This new series is designed to cut through the jargon and give a view of the economic realities of living in our society. The first programme looks at profit, asking if and why it has to be made. As one of the main planks in a capitalist platform, profit produces violent and emotive reactions. Series adviser is Barbara Conway of the Daily Telegraph.

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

TOM GOODISON

RESEARCH SARAH ENGLAND

DIRECTOR DEREK FAIRHEAD

TSW Production

1.00 News at One

LEONARD PARKIN

Latest international news, plus Financial Times share index and weather outlook.

1.20

Central News

1.30

Central Cinema

RICHARD BENJAMIN

JAMES COCO

SCATMAN CROTHERS

SCAVENGER HUNT

FILM Even in death, eccentric parlour-game tycoon Milton Parker manages to have the last laugh. His entire 200 million dollar estate is the winner-takes-all prize in the wackiest scavenger hunt ever devised.

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Stuart Selsome

Henri

Sam

Arvilla Droll

Jenkins

Bernstein

Marvin Dummitz

Henry Motley

Mildred Carruthers

Jackson

Richard Benjamin

James Coco

Scatman Crothers

Ruth Gordon

Roddy McDowall

Robert Morley

Richard Mulligan

Tony Randall

Cloris Leachman

Cleavon Little



Michael Jackson (left), Mick Jagger and Bob Geldof are pop superstars but they were not always so famous as Jeremy Beadle reveals in 'People Do the Funniest Things', 7.00.

Jeff Stevens

Lenny Stevens

Milton Parker

SCREENPLAY STEVEN A VAIL

HENRY HARPER

DIRECTOR MICHAEL SCHULTZ

Dirk Benedict

Willie Aames

Vincent Price

News at 5.45

6.00

Central News

A look ahead to the weekend.

7.00 People Do the Funniest Things

JEREMY BEADLE

Jeremy Beadle hosts a new show which looks at some of

TV's most amusing moments. See Bob Geldof, Michael Jackson and Mick Jagger in their earliest starring roles, enjoy classic stunts and outtakes, and laugh when People Do the Funniest Things.

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER

LIZ COSTALAS

DIRECTOR NICK VAUGHAN-BARRATT

PRODUCER TREVOR HOPKINS

LWT Production

All programmes are in colour unless otherwise stated

3.40

Central News

3.45

Afternoon Serial SONS AND DAUGHTERS

The aftermath of Kathleen's impulsive actions has horrifying consequences. The battle to make Andy see reason is met with bitter resentment and total rejection. For cast, see Thursday

4.15 Doug

Henning's Magic on Broadway

America's Doug Henning presents some breathtaking illusions including the famous one in which he makes a million dollars in cash appear and disappear. Among his guests are comedy actor Tony Randall, Chips star Erik Estrada, Allison Smith and Andrea McArdle, who have both played Annie on Broadway, and Doug's wife Debby.

5.15

Blockbusters

More general knowledge questions for teenagers in the quiz game.

7.45 Mistral's Daughter

STEFANIE POWERS
STACY KEACH

Part Three

During the war, Mistral is befriended by a German officer who provides him with painting supplies, and prevents Mistral from being deported to a work camp... The story is concluded after News at Ten.

For cast, see Wednesday

10.00 News at Ten

followed by

Central News

10.30 Mistral's Daughter

Concluding this story of love, drama and passion.

11.30 Snooker

Mercantile Credit Classic from The Spectrum Arena, Warrington

Dickie Davies introduces a match that will decide another of the quarter-final places. Doug Mountjoy of Wales and Canada's big Bill Werbeniuk clash over the best-of-nine frames.

Commentary from John Pulman, Dennis Taylor, Rex Williams, Ray Edmonds and Mark Wildman. Coverage continues tomorrow afternoon.

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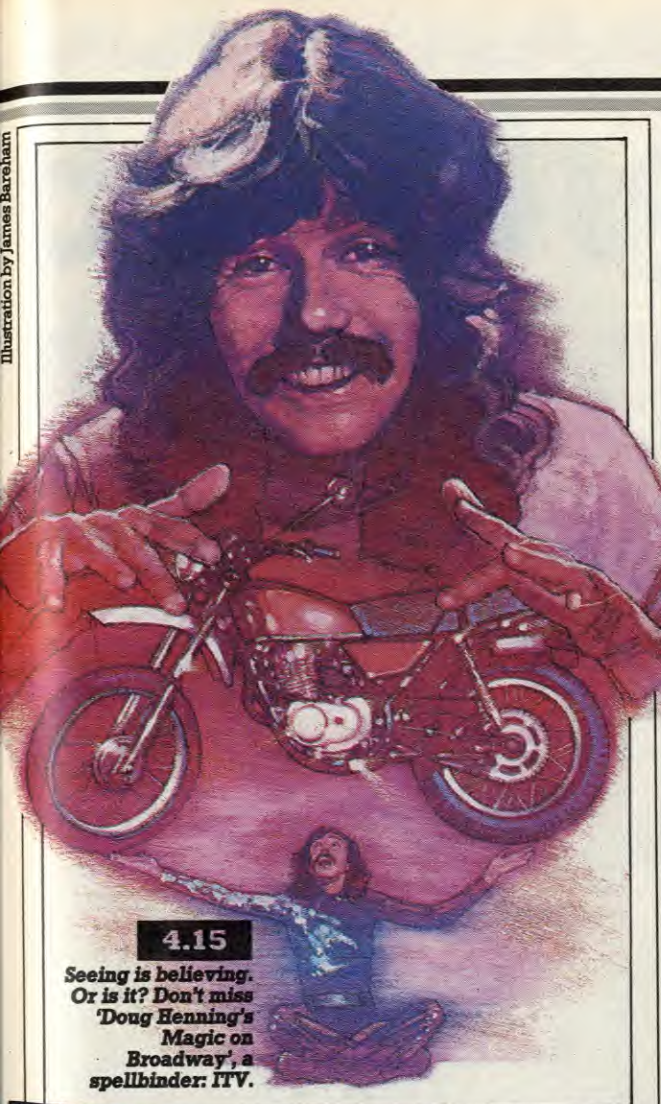
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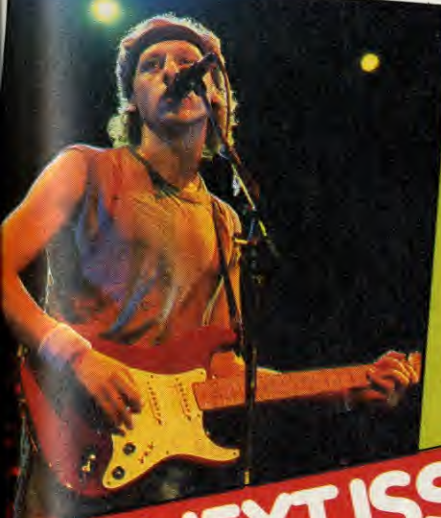


Young Fauve Lunel (Philippine Leroy Beaulieu) is attracted to the intense Eric Avigdor (Pierre Malet) — but her father resents the relationship: 'Mistral's Daughter', 7.45.

'Winning Lines'!
£50,000-worth
of prizes to
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4.15
Seeing is believing. Or is it? Don't miss 'Doug Henning's Magic on Broadway', a spellbinder: ITV.



5.30
Man most likely to strike a chord with many pop/rock fans — that's Mark Knopfler, lead singer of one of the world's great groups. Tune in to a treat and savour a sensational sound with 'Dire Straits Live in '85 at Wembley Arena' on Channel Four.

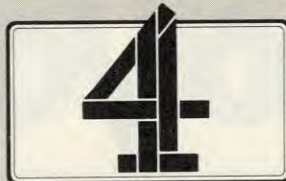
TV NEXT ISSUE

Start the New Year with a smile on ITV and Channel Four

Pat Phoenix and Prunella Gee in Constant Hot Water

Laughs in new series of Duty Free, Chance in a Million and Never the Twain

PLUS more of Wish You Were Here...?, Busman's Holiday, Treasure Hunt, Lytton's Diary and Spitting Image



2.30pm Snooker

Mercantile Credit Classic

Introduced by Dickie Davies from the Spectrum, Warrington

Coverage of the ten days of this world-ranking open event. Neal Foulds opens the fifth round this afternoon, with Australian champion John Campbell providing the opposition. With commentary by John Pulman, Dennis Taylor, Rex Williams, Ray Edmonds and Mark Wildman. Coverage continues tonight on ITV at 11.30.

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4.00 Dark Enemy

FILM On the edge of the Dark Time, the Valley People live surrounded by a forbidden and inhospitable countryside, threatened at night by the mysterious faceless Moonchildren. Then three boys set out on a quest to determine who will be the next Valley leader — and the youngest of them makes a series of horrifying discoveries about the true nature of their primitive world...

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Aron	Rory MacFarquhar
Ash	David Haig
Ezra	Douglas Storm
Barnaby	Martin Laing
Garth	Chris Chescoe
Beth	Cerian van Doornick
Ruth	Jennifer Harrison
Rosemary	Helen Mason
Tod	James Guest
Hazel	Isobel Mason
Jay	Oliver Hicks
Dill	Bethan van Doornick
Midge	James Mills
Crub	Mark Wallace
Frog	Philip Dragoumis
Moongirl	Elissa Phipps
Man	Alan Chapman

DIRECTOR COLIN FINBOW

5.30 Dire Straits Live in '85 at Wembley Arena

A very special New Year treat as the band deliver 90 minutes of live 24-carat gold halfway through their 300-date record-breaking world tour. All the old classics are here: Sultans of Swing, Tunnel of Love, Private Investigations; plus new ones from the Brothers in Arms album. The gig reaches fever pitch with Solid Rock and Hank Marvin

adds a touch of Shadows magic to Going Home.

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Tyne Tees Television Presentation

7.00 Channel 4 News and Weather

7.30 Right to Reply Annual

GUS MACDONALD

A look back at the issues, programmes and people that most angered or irritated Channel Four viewers in 1985. The viewers also speak for themselves in a classic collection of Video Boxes, as well as in extracts from the best of the studio debates. Presenter Gus Macdonald.

PRODUCER CLARE PATERSON
EDITOR LIZ FORGAN
Channel Four Production

8.30 Gardeners' Calendar

HANNAH GORDON Members of the Gardeners' XII

This week, there are new themes for the New Year: the construction of a peat wall, its associated plants and the conversion of a glasshouse to an alpine house. Plus work with fruit, and how to sow seeds under glass. With Hannah Gordon and experts at the Royal Horticultural Society's Wisley garden, in Surrey.

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RESEARCH DESMOND SMITH
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Granada Television Production

9.00 Unknown Chaplin

3: HIDDEN TREASURES

See some of Charlie Chaplin's hidden treasures — everything from a home movie of Chaplin at a party to a 1929 film which anticipates The Great Dictator of 1940. Chaplin edited out complete sequences from some of his greatest films; here is a chance to see some of them. Narrated by James Mason, music by Carl Davis.

Previously shown on ITV

10.00 Brigitte Bardot — My Own Story LIVING A HAPPY LIFE

In this final programme, Brigitte Bardot reveals the 'real BB' as never before. She talks about her campaigns to save seals and other creatures.



Bette Midler offers a touch of 'Divine Madness' at 11.55.

11.10 A Way of Being

A documentary giving an insight into a method of coping with the pressures of day-to-day life. The Alexander Technique is already widely used by many well known actors and musicians. It appears to enable people, through helping them to release tension, to experience dramatic improvements in their health and well being. Some even grow between one and two inches. Among current mind and body techniques, it has been described as a modern Western alternative to yoga. For a free leaflet, send sae to address 1, page 75.

WRITERS MICHAEL SCLATER,
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Film Communications Production

11.55 to 1.40 Divine Madness

BETTE MIDLER

FILM A record of Bette Midler's great concert performance at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, shot over four days, using more than a million feet of film. It is an inimitable medley of soulful ballads — including I Shall Be Released and Stay With Me, raunchy rock songs and dance and comedy sketches — all done in her own wonderfully vulgar 'worst possible taste'...

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The Divine Miss M	Bette Midler
The Harlettes	Jocelyn Brown
	Ula Hedwig
	Diva Gray
Head usher	Irving Sudrow
SCREENPLAY JERRY BLATT,	
BETTE MIDLER, BRUCE VILANCH	
DIRECTOR MICHAEL RITCHIE	

**Your
1986
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bonus
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Do you have a

Now, for the first time, it's Christmas presents in January with the great TVTimes giveaway: video recorders, microwave ovens, compact disc players and much much more are all up for grabs in 'Winning Lines' — our exciting new game with 1000 glittering prizes!

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How to claim

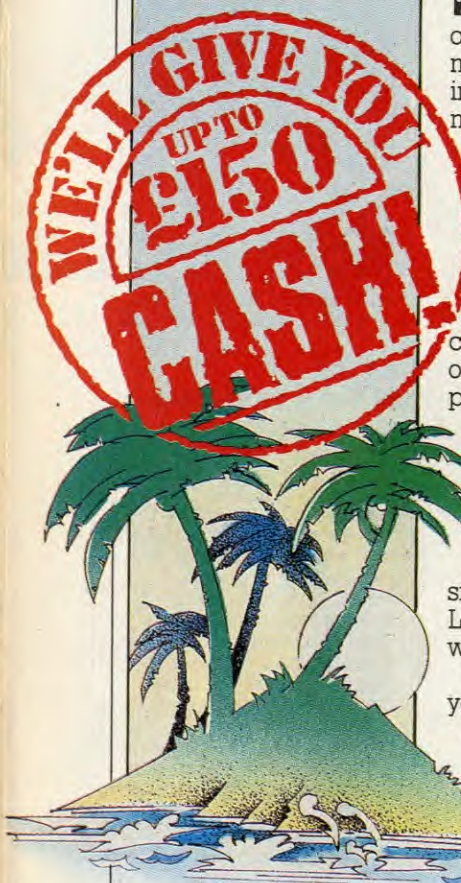
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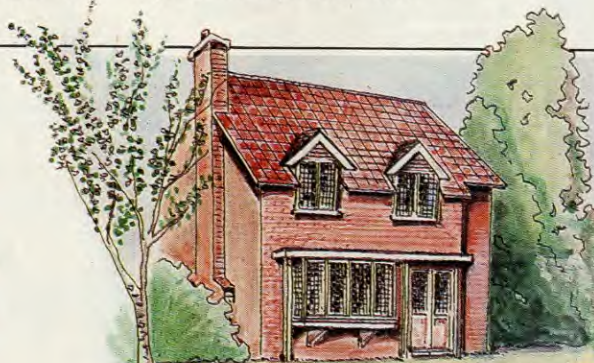
Write this number clearly on a postcard, with your name and address, and post it to TVTimes 'Winning Lines', Competition House, Farndon Road, Market Harborough, Leics LE16 9NR.

To be eligible for all 1000 'Winning Lines' prizes, your card must be received by first post on Monday 23 December 1985.

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Billy Connolly uses a glamorous blow-up doll to help him hitch lifts in the comedy thriller 'Blue Money' (Saturday 28 December, ITV).



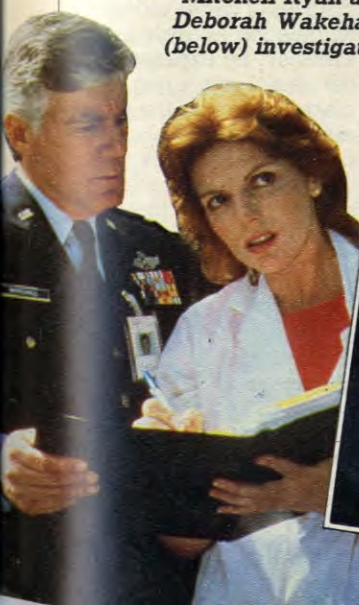
Feeling jaded? Robin, Albert, Graham, Maurice and Carl invite you to their after-Christmas party, where guests will include Charles Aznoveice, Bob Noxious and the ferocious Milky Bar Kid. Yes, it's 'The Grumbleweeds Christmas Show' (Friday 27 December, ITV in most regions).

New Year
Countdown



In his first ITV series 'All in Good Faith' (Monday 30 December), Richard Briers – pictured in a scene with Barbara Ferris – plays a naive rural priest transferred to a rumbustious Midlands parish. 'I'm playing a character close to my own,' says Briers (see page 142).

Greg Evigan is an astronaut who acquires strange powers in 'Northstar' (Friday 27 December, ITV). Mitchell Ryan and Deborah Wakeham (below) investigate.



Lovers who defied the world

A thin mist is creeping up the valley, the light is fading and bone-numbing cold rises from the grass. Yet Helen Mirren, hat pulled over her forehead, blankets up to her chin, is sitting in a folding chair, drinking tea. All around her, the cast and crew of **Coming Through** (Friday 27 December, ITV), which traces the early life of D H Lawrence, are making heroic efforts to shoot another scene before nightfall.

Helen plays Frieda, the married woman who scandalised society by leaving her children to live with Lawrence.

'Frieda was a free spirit a totally liberated woman,' says Helen. 'I don't think we've caught up with her yet. All this stuff about the sanctity of motherhood. A lot of women seem to be longing to leave their children. I don't have any children myself but when I say to friends who do, "I wish I had some," they say, "Don't do it." I envy them their homes and their families. I even envy

Kenneth Branagh and Helen Mirren in ITV's biography of D H Lawrence, 'Coming Through'.



Roderick Ebdon

them their lack of freedom. But then I don't know what goes into it.'

Lawrence is played by Kenneth Branagh, who dyed his buttery hair ginger, grew a moustache and lost one and a half

stone for the role. 'A lot of people think of Lawrence as a sex-obsessed smut merchant,' says Branagh. 'He wasn't like that at all. He was a great charmer, good company and people loved being with him.'

Fiona Kimm is Mary, with William Shimell as Joseph, in 'L'Enfance du Christ' (Monday 30 December, ITV).

The oratorio, featuring singers from major English opera companies, is dramatised by Anthony Burgess, author of 'A Clockwork Orange'.

Philip Ledger conducts the English Chamber Orchestra and the choreography is by Wayne Eagling.





What links Carter (Matt Frewer) and Theora (Amanda Pays) with Max Headroom?

More headroom for bizarre Max

A number of mysteries will be solved, and questions answered, about TV's weirdest presenter, Max Headroom, when **Max Headroom (Friday 27 December, Channel Four)** gets a fresh showing.

Set 20 minutes into the

future, the story tells of a world where television is the only growth industry. A fierce ratings battle is raging between TV stations – and Network 23 is winning.

Its success is largely due to compressed TV commercials, which happen so fast that the viewer has no time to

change channels. But the quick-fire 'blipverts' have an appalling side-effect on some watchers.

Network 23's star investigative reporter Edison Carter (Matt Frewer), and Theora Jones (Amanda Pays) begin to look into the situation – but get too close to the truth.



John Taylor, of Duran Duran, moves 50 years into the future in 'The Block', an episode in the series 'Timeslip' (Saturday 28 December, ITV), where life is managed 24 hours a day by computers. Work has been reduced to the minimum and romance is discouraged. Question: What do you do with all the spare time?



Welsh praise

THE PICTURESQUE village church of St Mary's, Wenvoe, on the outskirts of Cardiff, is the setting for **Morning Worship (Sunday 29 December, ITV, except Ulster, STV and Grampian)**. The churchyard is noted for its ancient yew tree, and it is said that John Wesley preached there before he turned nonconformist. The morning service will be a family Eucharist, according to the Welsh Church prayer book rite.

Welshman Sir Harry Secombe is on the move again in **Highway (Sunday 29 December, ITV)**, as he visits Strabane in Northern Ireland, the town where Frances Alexander wrote many of her famous hymns.

Also on Sunday, on Channel Four, you can see part two of **The Mysteries: The Passion**. Adapted from the *English Mystery Plays*, it tells the story of Christ's life on earth, ending in his crucifixion.

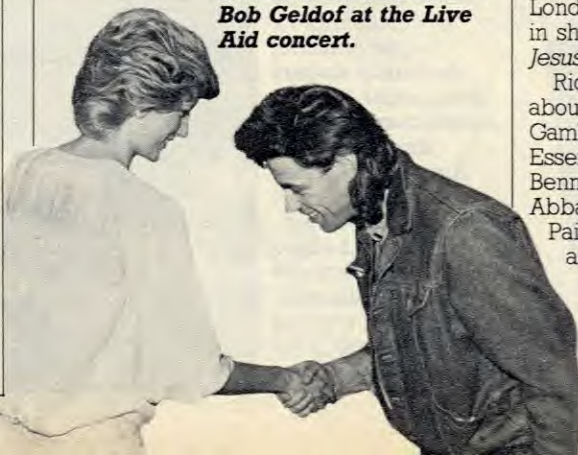
Charity stars band together

One night last year Bob Geldof watched in horror as 'a disaster of unprecedented proportions' filled his TV screen. The initial news bulletin about the famine in Ethiopia prompted the Boomtown Rats singer into a fund-raising fury that has so far collected tens of millions of pounds for the starving in Africa.

Geldof reflects on the frantic months which followed his decision to help feed the world in **And Tonight Thank God It's Them Instead of You (Friday 27 December, Channel Four)**, a look back at the year of Live Aid.

It began with Geldof assembling the supergroup Band Aid to record the biggest selling single in the history of British pop music, *Do They Know It's Christmas?* A line from the song – now re-released – lends the documentary its title. The Live Aid concerts in Wembley and Philadelphia in the summer further boosted the charity's funds. Geldof, interviewed in the programme, concedes that life since Live Aid has not always been easy and has diverted his efforts away from his singing career.

Princess Diana meets Bob Geldof at the Live Aid concert.



Bowie joins up with

Rock star David Bowie says: 'Standing next to her is the hottest place on earth. Her singing is like a kiss.' He's talking about the presence and talent of Tina Turner, who he joins briefly on stage in **Tina Turner: Private Dancer Tour 1985 (Friday 27 December, Channel Four)**, recorded earlier this year at a packed Birmingham National Exhibition Centre.

Tina, who has recently enjoyed a revival in a singing career that's spanned 20-odd years and began when she teamed up with Ike Turner, will perform songs from her hit album *Private Dancer*.

Born Annie Mae Bullock 46 years ago in Brownsville, Tennessee, Tina began performing as a young child in the choir at her local church. She grew up picking strawberries and cotton beside her baptist father, Floyd, and half-Cherokee mother, Zelma, from whom Tina inherited her high cheek bones and powerful voice. She broke into music professionally as a teenager, after leaping, uninvited on stage, grabbing a microphone and belting out a song with Ike Turner's band. 'Everyone came running in to see who the girl singing was,' she remembers.

With Ike, Tina enjoyed a string of classic successes, including *River Deep Mountain High* and *Nutbush City Limits*, and the acclaim of fellow musicians such as The Rolling Stones, with whom the duo toured. But by the mid-Seventies, the hits had begun to dry up. The partnership and their marriage fell apart after years of arguments and violence, when Tina walked out on Ike in the middle of a series of American concerts.

Tina's comeback has seen her sell more records and gain more wealth than at any time in her long singing career. Her new popularity has enabled her to pick up the pieces of her acting ambitions, which began with her role as the Acid Queen in Ken Russell's controversial film *Tommy* (1975), based on the hit album by The Who.

Currently she can be seen as Entity in *Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome* (1985), and she now has her sights set on a part in a western movie. 'I'd like to do that,' she says, 'but I don't want to play a nice girl.'

Mike Hrano

Waxing lyrical

Tim Rice has a little black book which he reaches for at odd moments and writes furiously in. Any one of his sudden jottings could develop into another hit musical, book or TV show.

Lyrics by Tim Rice (Sunday 29 December, ITV) is a celebration of some of the many ideas which have found their way from its pages on to London's West End stage in shows such as *Evita* and *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

Rice is interviewed about his career by Paul Gambaccini, while David Essex, Bjorn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson from Abba, Marti Webb, Elaine Paige, Paul Nicholas and Barbara Dickson are among the stars who praise his lyrics. 'All the people appearing are my

mates in the business,' says Rice, 'and it's nice to have the excuse to work with them again.'

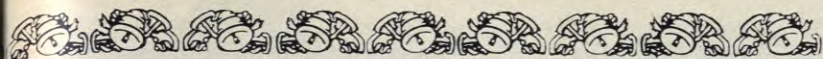
'Besides, I don't really see why occasionally a humble lyric writer can't have his own show.'

Yet Rice admits he fell into crafting songs by chance. 'It was accidental on meeting Andrew Lloyd-Webber,' he explains. 'At the time, I was trying to make my way in the pop record business by hook or by crook.'

'Andrew was absolutely set on writing for the theatre, and he wanted a

Star of 'Evita', Elaine Paige, right, and actor/singer Paul Nicholas, far right.





rock's Private Dancer



Rock star David Bowie compares Tina Turner's singing to that of a kiss. You can see them together on Channel Four.

about the Rice age

lyricist because he wasn't really one himself. So we got together and, though we didn't get things right immediately, we enjoyed it. Even so, had we never had a hit, then I would have given up long ago.'

Instead, Rice continues scribbling in his black book, and even now it's brimming with possibilities.

'There are maybe 15 vague ideas in it now,' he estimates, 'but nothing significant. I don't know which ones will surface, or indeed if any of them actually will.'



The lyrics of Tim Rice are sung by a host of stars, including Barbara Dickson.



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New Year Countdown



David McCallum (above, right) and Hal Holbrook lead the clandestine OSS in wartime London in '92 Grosvenor Street', on ITV.

The Man From U.N.C.L.E. goes to war

Twenty years since first appearing as a secret agent in *The Man From U.N.C.L.E.*, this week Glasgow-born David McCallum enters another covert, clandestine world. But this time it's the corridors of **92 Grosvenor Street (Sunday 29 December, ITV)** that he walks, in the story of the wartime, undercover OSS operation. The Office of Strategic Services, staffed almost entirely by Americans, but based in London, was set up in World War Two to gather intelligence about the enemy and to carry out acts of sabotage. McCallum, who

plays the OSS deputy commander, Lieutenant Colonel Shelley Flynn, was only seven years old when war broke out, and he was living in London at the time. Although he was evacuated for a while, he remembers sleeping in his local Underground station. 'Towards the end of the war, a V2 rocket landed in Hampstead and blew in all the windows at my school,' says McCallum. 'I managed to get there fast enough to help clean up and earn myself a little extra pocket money.' Later McCallum was called up for National Service and spent 18 months in West Africa. But the closest he's been to war was in 1973 when he played the part of Flight Lieutenant Simon Carter in the BBC series *Colditz*. More recently, McCallum – a youthful-looking 52-year-old – has been appearing as a cab driver with two wives in

London's West End since the hit musical *Run For Your Wife*. Many of those who've seen McCallum out on the street have hailed him with 'Hiya, Ilya', after the character he played in *The Man From U.N.C.L.E.*, Ilya Kuryakin. 'My physical appearance hasn't changed much, so I guess I'm lucky. I put it down to good wine and no cigarettes,' he says. Unlike McCallum, Hal Holbrook, who plays the OSS commander Colonel Calvin Turner, does have actual wartime military experience, with three years of World War Two spent with the US Army engineers. Holbrook's first major acting success came as Mark Twain – a one-man show that won him a Tony award.

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The 'Spitting Image' team celebrates its second season of 'goodwill' with 'The Second Beast of Spitting Image', on ITV on Saturday 28 December. Created by Peter Fluck and Roger Law, 'Spitting Image' was in the thick of controversy even before it first went on the air in February 1984. 'Cruel', 'offensive', 'insensitive', were among labels attached to it. And there was uproar when it was reported that royal baby Prince William would be represented in its puppet world. Mrs Thatcher and President Reagan were other targets. Recently a book based on the series caused a stir.



Six of the best

JANET and Graham Walton will never forget the day their six tiny daughters were born. Jennifer, Hannah, Ruth, Kate, Sarah and Lucy are now bonny two-year-olds, and in *Sixty Tiny Fingers* (Sunday 29 December, ITV), you can see their second birthday party. The programme observes the stresses and celebrates the joys of this large addition to the family. Potty-



Mike Aspel joins the Waltons. training is an endless chore, but confronting a bemused Father Christmas with six stockings is another matter. . .

Late nights at the opera

Nothing previously in her hectic career prepared opera singer Kiri Te Kanawa for the frequently unearthly rigours of making a film. Performing in *Don Giovanni* (Saturday 28 December, Channel Four) soon taught her all she needed to learn about unsociable routine.

'It was quite a different life I experienced while making that movie,' she recalls. 'There we were in Venice, working all night or getting up at 4am to start make-up at 5am. I certainly wasn't used to that. But it was worth it. Let's face it, no sacrifice

is too great to make for art. Isn't that so?'

New Zealand-born Kiri, made a Dame in 1982 — a year after she sang by royal request at the wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Diana at St Paul's Cathedral — plays Donna Elvira in the film, a 1979 adaptation of Mozart's famous work.

Written in 1787, *Don Giovanni* is the tale of a ruthless man. Italian Ruggero Raimondi, who has had a distinguished career in opera, plays the leading role.

It was directed by Joseph Losey, who died in 1984.

Mike Hrano
Ruggero Raimondi in 'Don Giovanni', Channel Four.



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Billy Connolly describes Scottish crooners in kilts as 'singing shortbread tins'. Robbie Coltrane says they make true Scots squirm. Which might go some way to explain why last September Connolly and Coltrane were to be found in full tartan rig in a London TV studio, surrounded by Christmas trees. They were recording 'At Last It's Hogmanay' (tonight, Channel Four). It was recorded in September because on New Year's Eve, it seems, your true Scottish entertainer is either working elsewhere or incapable of working anywhere. Based on those haggis and ballad shows so traditional on this big night, the 'Hogmanay' show features some 'very tastefully done' traditional songs and some wonderfully tasteless parodies – the pick of them being Connolly and Coltrane as that famous double act from 'North o' the Border', Olly and Wally McCauley (left).

Family fun for Lionel

WHILE viewers sit watching **Name That Tune** (tonight, ITV), presenter Lionel Blair will be racing from Sussex to his London home to enjoy his first New Year's Eve with his family for a long time.

'I seem always to be working on New Year's Eve,' says Blair. 'This year I am playing *Dick Whittington* in pantomime in Chichester, but we finish right after the matinee.

'I'll be straight off home to Susan and the children. I've no idea how we'll celebrate. But I bet there'll be a party.'

Lionel Blair – naming the New Year tune.



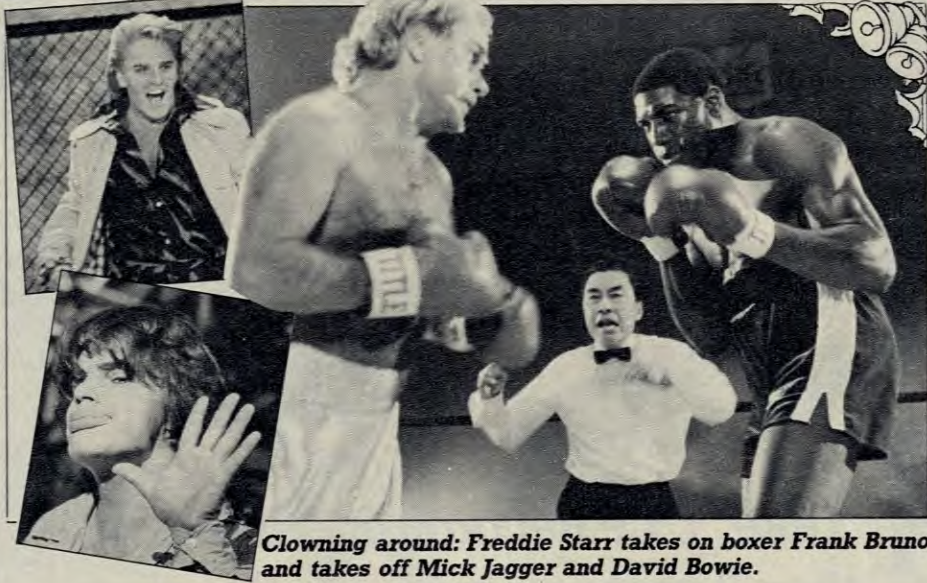
Case of the vanishing Yank

RICHARD GERE was rapidly establishing himself as one of Hollywood's hottest heart-throbs when in 1979 he made the film **Yanks** (tonight, ITV, except Grampian).

He plays Matt, a wartime American soldier stationed in the north of England – one of a million GIs, 'overpaid, oversexed and over here', waiting for D-Day. Meanwhile, like so many of his comrades, he sweeps a local girl off her feet and meets the frequent resentment of a rationed and couponed Britain.

With frequent disappearances between takes, Gere was accused of being aloof. Later he confessed he'd been in the pub – playing darts.

Richard Gere and Lisa Eichhorn in ITV's 'Yanks'.



Clowning around: Freddie Starr takes on boxer Frank Bruno and takes off Mick Jagger and David Bowie.

Starr-studded show

As **The Freddie Starr Comedy Express** (tonight, ITV) roars into our homes, it is already being talked about as a comedy classic. Watch out for Starr impersonating both David Bowie and Mick Jagger in a spoof of their video *Dancing In the Street*. 'You can't over-emphasise Jagger,' says Starr. 'He's so outrageous.'

Then there is the moment when actress Anna Dawson somehow manages to keep a straight face against all odds.

'Some actresses are a bit twee,' says Starr. 'But Anna is a real professional. How anyone can manage to say their lines while I'm wrecking the place around them is beyond me.'

He suffers the same problem himself during one magic moment in the show. In a spectacularly ill-matched boxing contest, heavyweight Frank Bruno meets the very lightweight Starr, while *Minder's* Glynn Edwards acts as ringside manager, and Burt Kwouk tries to keep order.

There'll be some smashing out-takes from this that will provide some priceless

moments for *It'll Be Alright On the Night*, says Starr. 'I couldn't stop laughing at Burt Kwouk, who plays the referee. He's so funny. I can understand why Peter Sellers kept having to re-take when they made the *Pink Panther* films.'

These days, Freddie Starr is a much more relaxed and contented man.

'I am certainly a great deal happier now than I was a few years ago.'

'I feel now that I am on equal terms with everyone. In the old days, it was, "Don't book Freddie Starr, he's too unpredictable", but the British public never stopped writing and supporting me, and I think people have more trust in me now.'

He is adamant about one thing. 'I wouldn't do a series for even a million pounds. I write all my own material and a series is much too demanding, but I'd like to do two specials a year and concentrate on films.'

He's written his first screenplay and it's about to go into production next year.

Called *Zero, Zero, Zero*, it is a spoof James Bond.

Jan Etherington

What do ice skaters do when a championship finishes, when the last marks are awarded and the lights go down? They hold a gala. Last September, after three days' fierce competition in the **St Ivel Ice International** at Richmond rink in Surrey, the ITV cameras returned the following day to record the 'St Ivel Ice Gala' (this afternoon, ITV) as the world's finest skaters let their hair down and did all the routines they wouldn't normally dare to do in competition. The world ice-dance champions, Natalia Bestemianova and Andrei Bukin (pictured below), offer several numbers, but the sensation is **American Debi Thomas**, with her comedy routine.

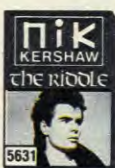




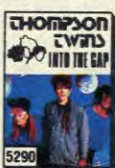
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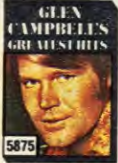
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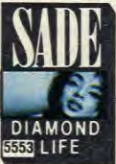
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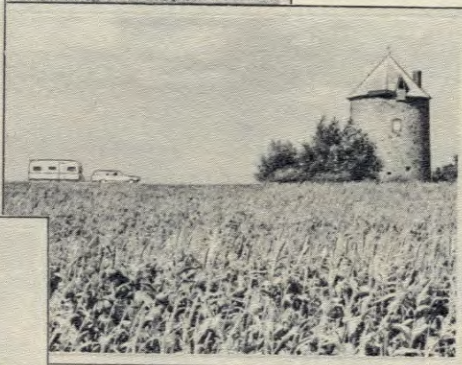
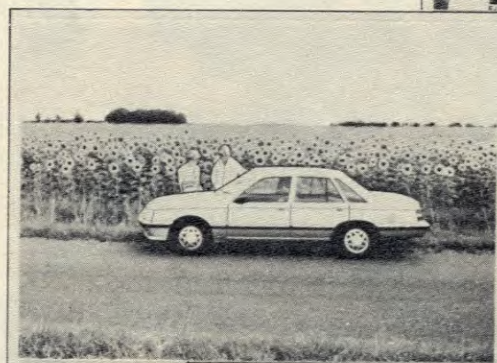
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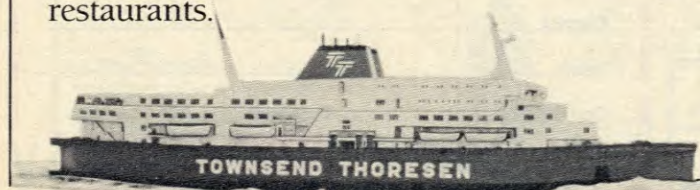
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Love There's romance in the air, but in a much more airy-fairy way than your realistic emotions are used to coping with, and if they're clandestine, relationships won't remain so for long, however secretive you are! This is the year when you've got to decide whether you want to live life in the wake of someone else's wishes.

Luck You can be a solitary soul, isolating your best thoughts, but you won't get the most out of the coming year if you do this, and your fortunes may dwindle. You must try, at least part of the time, to sell yourself to those who can turn your ideas into money. If there's the prospect of travel, pick up your hoofs and be off - you're guaranteed a great trip!

Loot Pace yourself this year and don't take on too much work or you'll end up achieving nothing, which will be a frustrating waste of time. There's a good chance that you're not aware of all the benefits, refunds or other financial remunerations that are due to you, so dig around to find out what you might be able to claim.

Life A few skeletons may come to light during the coming year, but you're going to have to face them as part of the gradual change happening in your life. Now's the time to think deeply and seek the right direction for the future. Don't let past guilts misguide you; they'll eat into your well-being and put stress on your health.

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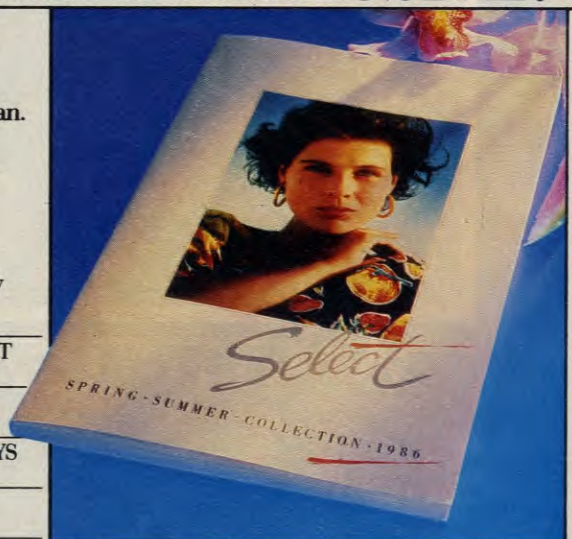
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Well, he's due to appear in **A Royal Celebration of Youth** (this afternoon, ITV), performed before the Queen at the Harrogate Conference Centre, North Yorkshire, to mark the end of International Youth Year. The proceeds will go to the YMCA.

If Waite's special envoy duties permit, the show's executive producer, Vernon Lawrence, is hopeful Waite will take the stage to say a few words in his position as chairman of the YMCA's world development wing, Y Care International.

Waite is better-known for his unstinting work as a go-between for freeing hostages (remember the four Britons held in Libya for 10 months who were freed last February, and his recent missions in Lebanon?).

'Terry's been working

with us for a year now,' says the YMCA's director of public affairs, David Bedford, 'and although hostage stories tend to attract the attention of the media, he has actually been devoting a great deal of time to the YMCA.'

He launched an appeal and raised £200,000 for the victims of the Mexico earthquake; he raised £140,000 for the victims of the Bangladesh cyclone disaster; and he is constantly having ideas on how to help young people all over the world.'

'There are millions of young people who face futures of absolute poverty,' says Waite, 'futures in which they will struggle to provide the very basics of life for their families. Through small, community-based projects, we are training young people in the skills that will enable them to find work and to grow their own food.'

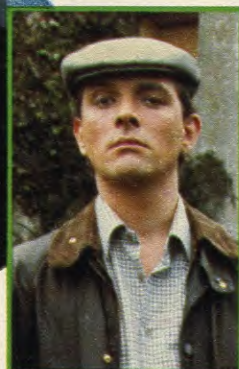
'We have rescued children and young people from death through feeding programmes, such as our operation on the Sudan-Ethiopia border. Basically, we are trying to give new hope to young people by helping them to realise their full potential.'

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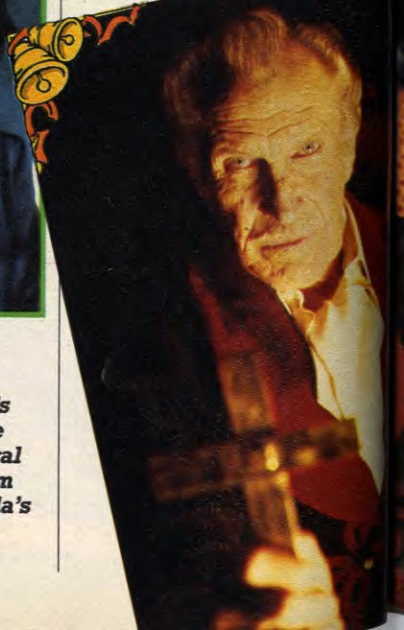


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Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, with a galaxy of stars in 'A Royal Celebration of Youth', on ITV this afternoon, including David Frost, Jimmy Tarbuck, Ted Rogers, Anne Diamond and members of pop group Five Star.



Dawn French, left, plays an evil Spanish maid in this evening's 'The Comic Strip Presents...' story on Channel Four. Called 'Consuela', it's a tongue-in-cheek parody of Daphne Du Maurier's classic 'Rebecca'. Jennifer Saunders, above centre, is Jessica, the new bride brought back to Brownstones, her husband's ancestral home. Rik Mayall, above left, plays Richard, the friendly farm manager, and Peter Richardson, above right, is Julio, Consuela's son. See the team again tomorrow night on Channel Four in another fun-packed episode, called 'Private Enterprise'.



Stefanie Powers, Stacy Keach, right, and Lee Remick, below, star in 'Mistral's Daughter', a glossy, three-part series based on Judith Krantz's bestselling novel of romantic intrigue, which starts on ITV this evening. Parts two and three are on ITV tomorrow, 2 January, and Friday 3 January.



Charlton Heston, who plays the prophet Moses in Cecil B DeMille's spectacular film 'The Ten Commandments' (1956), below, which is showing on ITV this afternoon (all areas except Border and Grampian; Scottish Television viewers can see the film tomorrow), recently said that no more than six of the films he has made could be categorised as epics. But today's film is probably the most famous epic of them all. The parting of the Red Sea sequence won an Oscar for special effects.

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Vincent Price, left, has always had a soft spot for Dracula, the blood-sucking count he has so often played. In tonight's documentary on ITV, 'Vincent Price's Dracula', he talks about the real-life 15th-century Count Vlad the Impaler, as well as the fictional vampire created by Irishman Bram Stoker in 1897.



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'That man means an awful lot to us all,' was how another ex-Beatle, Ringo Starr, summed up his reasons for answering Perkins' call, so re-uniting in concert with Harrison.

Eric Clapton, Dave Edmunds and Rozanne Cash (daughter of Johnny) are among others only too willing to roll back the years with Perkins.

As for the man himself, who wrote that classic

Carl Perkins (far left), a pioneer of rock 'n' roll and creator of 'Blue Suede Shoes', remembers the early years with a celebrity cast including (left to right) Dave Edmunds, George Harrison, Eric Clapton, Rozanne Cash and Ringo Starr in tonight's tribute on Channel Four.

song *Blue Suede Shoes* after watching a dancing girl sink a stiletto heel into her horrified boyfriend's chic new footwear, he says: 'I'm so honoured by it; it's very humbling.'

Now 53, Perkins has a mind full of memories stretching back to the very beginning of rock 'n' roll; of The Beatles asking how he played guitar; of dismissing The Rolling Stones as too scruffy to be a success; and of Elvis Presley.

A tragic car crash in 1956, in which his elder brother, Jay, was killed, cheated Perkins of his

chance to sing on the Perry Como show and so become the first rock artist to appear on TV.

Instead, he watched from his hospital bed as Presley made that honour his own several weeks later.

Perkins dismisses the frequently-voiced theory that, but for his accident, he could have been more popular than Presley. 'I don't think there was anyone on the globe at that time who could have slowed Elvis down.'

'I was a married man with kids and he was a good looking hip shaker. That boy was so full of charisma. He was one of those people who'd walk into a room and without turning around you just knew he was there.'

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Larry Parnes now, and in 1962, with Tommy Steele.

The man who fashioned Steele

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Mr Parnes, Shillings and Pence (tonight, Channel Four) charts the entrepreneurial spirit and vision of Parnes' career from 1956 to 1961, and, despite the programme's title, he insists he was never in it for the money. He was fuelled by enthusiasm.

'As a teenager working in a fashion shop, I marvelled at performers such as Frankie Laine and Johnny Ray who were coming over from America and having audiences go potty screaming for them,' he recalls.

'I thought, "Why on

earth can't we do that in England." So I had a go at finding the right talent.'

He has been credited as the pioneer of rock 'n' roll in Britain, and at one time managed no fewer than 16 singers simultaneously.

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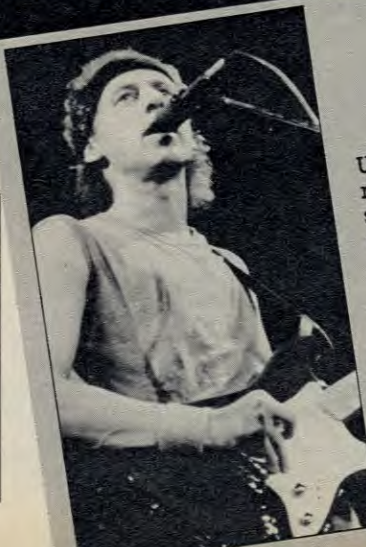
Parnes, who claims he first coined the term 'pop music' - 'I should have copyrighted it' - went on to involve himself later in such diverse areas as owning three theatres, producing shows and guiding the career of former world and Olympic ice-skating champion John Curry.

But the Willesden-born impresario put it all down to Tommy Steele. 'Meeting him is my happiest memory, it always will be. It was the start of everything.'

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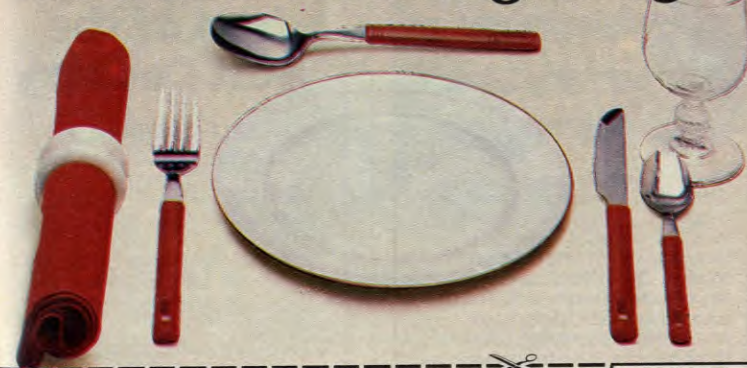
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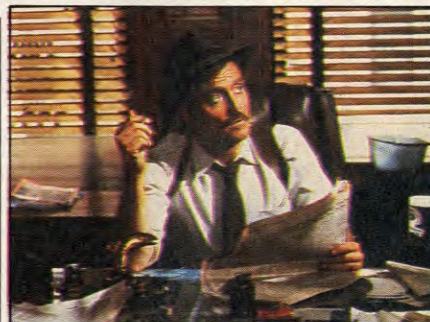
by Lesley Salisbury in Hollywood

As ITV viewers sit snugly at home watching Stacy Keach in the three-part drama *Mistral's Daughter* (beginning Wednesday 1 January, ITV) Keach will be enjoying the festive season California-style — fairy lights in the palm trees, Santa sweltering in the sun, pina colodas by the swimming pool.

He'll celebrate with his girlfriend, his parents and his brother, something he could only dream about last Christmas, the lowest point in his life, when he was eating turkey off a tin plate in HM Prison, Reading.

He has had nothing to say to the British press since his release — he is not bitter, just wary — but broke his silence to talk to *TVTimes* about his sentence and what kept him going during the longest six months of his entire life.

We met in his small office, its walls



Best known for his role as 'Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer', above, Stacy Keach stars opposite Lee Remick in the ITV drama *'Mistral's Daughter'*, which he completed while waiting to come to trial in Britain on a drugs charge — for which he received a nine-month jail sentence.



From the good

Richard Briers as the Rev Philip Lambe in ITV's *'All In Good Faith'*.

For a self-confessed dunce, Richard Briers has done very well for himself. In a business where up to 80 per cent of the workforce can, at any one time, be 'resting', Briers has managed to beat the odds. 'Praise be, I've been unemployed for a total of just one year out of 30,' says Briers, who is about to star in his first ITV series.

In *All In Good Faith* (Monday 30 December, ITV),

this veteran of many television situation comedies plays the vicar of a rich rural parish who has a middle-age crisis of conscience and decides to transfer to a tough Midlands city.

'It will probably run for a couple of series,' says Briers, 'then it's up to the ratings. The public will decide. They'll either love it or give it the V-sign. I think the former.'

For Briers, *All In Good Faith* may well be his first series for ITV but it's also the latest in a long line of popular series, such as *Marriage Lines*, *Brothers in Law*, *Ever Decreasing Circles*, *The Other One* and *The Good Life*.

That's not bad for a man who failed the entrance exam to King's College

School, Wimbledon. Instead, he attended the local secondary modern, which he left at 16 — 'to my teacher's delight. With no qualifications, of course.'

'I became a proficient filing clerk and thought that was my niche in life. I really craved the stage.'

A break from this life seemed to beckon when he was called up for National Service in the RAF, at the age of 18.

'Glamorous flyer? No, lowly filing clerk again — stationed in exotic Northwood, Middlesex. But in my spare time I did some amateur theatricals. Terry-Thomas was my dad's cousin, and he was pressurised into coming to watch me. He suggested I went to the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. I took an entrance exam in



Keach travels to Reading prison to begin a nine-month jail sentence for drug smuggling. 'In some ways, it's an experience I wouldn't have missed,' says the American actor.

crammed with a 'Set Mike Hammer Free' pennant, framed autographs of 'the lads', including 'Fat Fred', and supportive letters from colleagues and politicians. There was even one from the governor of Reading prison wishing him success with his new Mike Hammer TV movie: 'Make sure the good guys always win.'

Sentenced on 7 December 1984 to nine months for smuggling 1.3 ounces of cocaine into Britain in a can of shaving cream, Mike Hammer, private eye, became prisoner number L55200 and something of a folk hero to thousands of people who thought the sentence unjust and wrote to him to say so. The shaving cream can is in Heathrow Airport's Customs and Excise 'Black Museum' — Mrs Thatcher was treated to a glimpse during a recent visit — and Keach, having 'done his bird like a gent', according to a graduation diploma from 'the lads', is now back home, half ashamed and half fascinated by the experience. He's writing a book about

it. The manuscript lies on his desk — well-thumbed by visitors to his office at Hollywood's Burbank Studios — and there's no doubt it has changed his life, along with his vocabulary: 'A bloke I met inside', 'doing time', 'the screws', 'the Guv'nor'. Since his release, after six months 'bird', with three months off for good behaviour, he has been involved, quietly and carefully, not wanting to preach or sound self-righteous, in the Campaign Against Drugs, a movement gathering immense strength in America.

He has narrated two TV documentaries on the subject, steered himself to appear before a US Congressional committee on narcotics abuse and admitted how cocaine, which he had been using for nine years, took over his life.

'You can't imagine yourself going to work or going anywhere without that bottle in your pocket,' he says. 'It creates a full sense of energy; gives you the feeling you can work 20 hours a day. Then that feeling is followed by a tremendous depression that lasts about 20 to 30 minutes. And the only way to alleviate that exhaustion was by going back to the drug.'

He adds: 'There is no greater imprisonment than that of being dependent on any chemical substance for one's existence.'

Nancy Reagan phoned him after this painful appearance, to congratulate him and to enlist his help in her anti-drugs campaign.

Prison has left Keach, 44 — always an active, physical man — with a healthy appreciation of the outdoors. He worked out every day in the prison gym — 'that way at least you could get a daily shower. Otherwise it was a

shower once a week. And you had to buy your own soap.' He worked in the library — 'or else I would have been shut up in my cell, alone, by 6.45 every night'.

He read and wrote letters for other prisoners, and let the lonelier ones read the hundreds of letters that arrived every day for him. 'It was therapeutic — I helped myself by helping them.' He became friendly with some of the warders — 'the old school, the ones trained to help a man through his sentence, not punish him through it.'

In the end, he says, it was his relationships with other people — prisoners and warders — that helped him survive. That, and a sense of humour.

He was in the middle of filming *Mistral's Daughter*, which can be seen on three consecutive nights on ITV, beginning on Wednesday 1 January, when he was arrested. He remembers being amazed that, in the middle of what seemed like a 'never-ending cold shower', he was able to slip back into the character of Julien Mistral.

'We didn't lose any time shooting; we finished on schedule,' he says, lighting a cigarette and letting it burn away. 'It made me feel good about myself, that I could overcome my problems and get back to what I was doing. But it was also delayed reaction. It wasn't until after filming finished that I realised the enormity of what had happened. After that I had to wait another eight months for the trial... That was the worst time.'

His case eventually came up when his hit TV series *Micky Spillane's Mike*

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life to the good book



Four-year-old budding motorist Richard Briers was called up for National Service in the RAF in 1952, aged 18. By 1956, he had turned to acting, appearing in 'Hamlet' with Jennifer Hales. The following year he married Ann Davies. Below: in 1963, an early Briers' comedy series, 'Marriage Lines', with Prunella Scales.



which the lowest mark required to pass was 62. That's exactly what I got!

His fellow students included Alan Bates, Albert Finney and Peter O'Toole. 'They were so naturally talented, but I had to slave day and night.'

He joined the Playhouse Theatre in Liverpool. There he met Ann Davies, and within six months they were married.

His television breakthrough came in 1962 with *Brothers in Law*. It was so popular that he was offered double the money to do a second series. He almost torpedoed his career by refusing.

'I wanted to be an actor,' he explains, 'not a television personality.' But fate's fickle finger tickled him again; he received a

script for another sitcom series which he couldn't resist, *Marriage Lines*. It established him after all as a television personality and led to the classic comedy series *The Good Life*.

He believes that the reason for his success is his ability to understand and sympathise with the human condition, and that everyone's got a cousin like him. They stop him in the street and say that the silly-assed things he does on the telly are typical of someone in their family.

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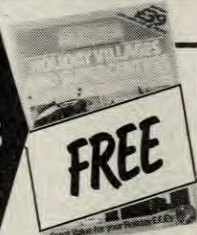
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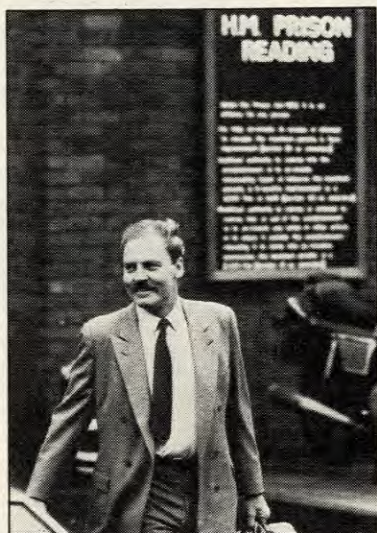
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Stacy Keach is freed from prison.

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Hammer had just eight weeks of filming left before the end of the season. His British legal representatives told him, he says, to expect a 'little slap on the wrist' as there would be a 'spirit of benevolence' with Christmas in the air.

Instead, he found himself nearly fainting with shock as he was sentenced to nine months. 'My mouth went dry, my legs turned to jelly. Unknown to me I'd walked right into a situation where a judge had singled out wealthy, elite members of society as being responsible for creating or maintaining the demand for drugs. If I'd known that, I would have applied for an extension — not to save going to prison, I would have done the time at some point, I'm sure — but because it jeopardised the livelihoods of about 280 people who work on the show.'

The series was cancelled, but Mike Hammer will return to television next spring in a two-hour TV movie — the one in which the governor of Reading prison wants all the good guys to win. Keach smiles. A likeable man, he is a bit sheepish talking about prison but he is honest about his feelings: 'Actually, in some ways it's an experience I wouldn't have missed. Mind you, a couple of months would have been better. Six seemed to be such a long time. The nights were endless. I think I got around 7000 letters. The whole prison censor system was crippled at first. Then we

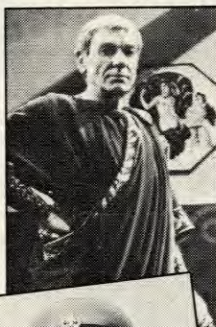
developed an idea whereby I would go up and work with the censors. I'd open all the letters and stamp them and then the censors would go through them. I answered every one.'

Most letters, he says, were supportive — 'a lot from English people saying the sentence had been too harsh. They were very compassionate, very sweet. I think I was very well treated on the whole. It was a harsh sentence but I didn't think it was unjust. I was bitter for a week when a member of the British aristocracy was let off after a second drugs offence — one that was much more serious than mine. But mostly I was resigned to it.'

He was welcomed back to America with roles on film, TV and the theatre. He has just finished a film with Teri Garr — a then-and-now love story set in Vietnam and the US — and early in the New Year will co-star on stage in Washington with Faye Dunaway in a revival of *Idiot's Delight*, playing an American song-and-dance man. Soon he hopes to film a four-hour mini-series, playing Polish union leader Lech Walesa.

Well aware of the dangers of working long hours — he and his manager blame his cocaine use on the 17-hour days of *Mike Hammer* — he plans to restrict himself to 12-hour days. He has no intention of spending another Christmas with Her Majesty. Which is why the toast this year will be 'To the lads at Reading: may we never eat turkey off tin plates again'.

André Morell as Tiberius in the Granada TV production 'The Caesars' (1968).

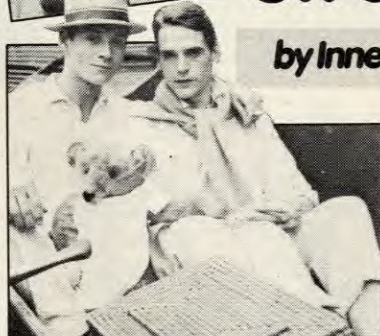
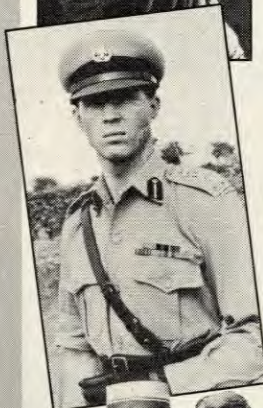


The Beatles made their TV debut in 1962 on Granada's 'People and Places'.



30 years old and still going strong

by Innes Gray



Tim Pigott-Smith in 'The Jewel in the Crown' (centre picture); Anthony Andrews and Jeremy Irons in 'Brideshead Revisited'.



Violet Carson (centre) as Ena Sharples of 'Coronation Street'; Alfie Bass and Bill Fraser in 'Bootsie and Snudge' (1960).

The oldest programme company in ITV celebrates its 30th birthday in 1986. Granada Television, the only one of ITV's original 'Big Five' companies still supplying the network today, put out its first programmes from Manchester on 3 May 1956.

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Always one of the most individualistic ITV companies, with a distinctively gritty northern flavour to much of its programming, Granada is best known, outside its own northern region, for *Coronation Street*, now 25 years old.

In recent years, however, it has won much praise for its 11-part *Brideshead Revisited* and 14-part *The Jewel in the Crown*, which have been called the two greatest serials ever made for television. On the following pages we recall some of Granada's other memorable dramas, documentaries and light entertainment shows, with a series of questions to prompt your memory.

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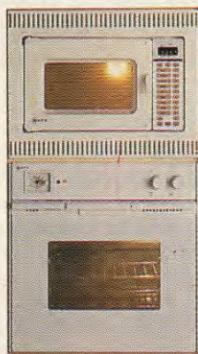
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Among ITV's great drama successes: 'Country Matters' 'A Family at War', and 'The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes'.

From the Street to Brideshead

Two of Granada's prestige drama series — *Brideshead Revisited*, first screened in 1981, and *The Jewel in the Crown* (1984) — have been heaped with honours. On a more homely level, Granada's latest twice-weekly serial is *Albion Market*, running alongside the venerable *Coronation Street*, while *The Practice* is due to return.

Granada's first successful drama series was *The Verdict is Yours*, which began in 1958 and consisted of courtroom dramas which had plots but no scripts — the actors improvising their lines. It led to *Crown Court* in 1972, though that was scripted.

Since then, serials and series have ranged from the six-part *The Caesars*, in 1968, to the 52-part *A Family at War*, which was ITV's longest and costliest serial when it was made in 1970. Other period dramas have included Charles Dickens' *Hard Times* in 1977 and *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*, of which there are more episodes to come.

There have also been series of distinguished single dramas, notably *Country Matters*, based on the short stories of H E Bates and A E Coppard, in 1972, and *Laurence Olivier Presents* in 1976, for which Lord Olivier produced (and acted in some of) the plays.

1 Ian Ogilvy played a teacher in *Mister Clay*, *Mister Clay!*, the first of six very recent dramas concerned with sudden death. What was the overall title of the series?



2 Sam, a serial which began in 1973, was about a boy growing up in the North in the impoverished Thirties. Kevin Moreton (above) played the boy, but who played Sam as a man?

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3 *The Odd Man*, *It's Dark Outside* and *Mr Rose* were all popular series in the Sixties and all of them featured a portly chief inspector of police. Who played him?

- a Robert Morley
- b Stratford Johns
- c William Mervyn

4 Brigit Forsyth plays a woman doctor at a health centre in *The Practice*. What is the name of the character?

5 Three novels by Phyllis Bentley about a Yorkshire mill family were adapted for the 1967 serial *Inheritance*. Of the main actors (each of whom played several generations), one has since become famous as a TV cop. Who is he?

- a John Thaw
- b Patrick Malahide
- c Raymond Francis

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Granada's first situation comedy series was *The Army Game*, which ran for 153 programmes from 1957, followed by more than 100 episodes of *Bootsie and Snudge*, in which Alfie Bass and Bill Fraser played the same characters in civvy street. Other popular sitcoms have included *A Little Big Business*, with David Kossoff as head of a family furniture firm, in 1964, *The Lovers*, with Paula Wilcox and Richard Beckinsale, in 1970, and *The Dustbinmen*, in 1969.

In stand-up comedy, *The Comedians*, a quick-fire gag show in 1971, launched many new names, such as Bernard Manning and Charlie Williams, while *The Wheeltappers and Shunters Social Club*, in 1974, under the chairmanship of Colin Crompton, 'discovered' Cannon and Ball and Paul Daniels.

Granada scored a great pop music first — if unrecognised at the time — when The Beatles made their television debut in the regional magazine programme *People and Places* on 17 October 1962.

Bamber Gascoigne chairs 'University Challenge'; Paula Wilcox and Richard Beckinsale are 'The Lovers'; Crompton and Manning run 'The Wheeltappers'.

1 Robin Colville, Graham Walker, Maurice Lee, and Albert and Carl Sutcliffe starred in their first TV comedy series in 1984. Under what name?

tunes were played by an orchestra of how many musicians?
a 50
b 100
c 150



2 George Layton played a policeman and Jonathan Lynn his wastrel brother (above) in a 1975 sitcom series. What was it called?
a Oh, Brother
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5 In 1968, Jimmy Jewel and Hylda Baker (above) starred in the comedy series *Nearest and Dearest* as a brother and sister who inherited a factory. What did it produce?

a pickles
b crisps
c tripe

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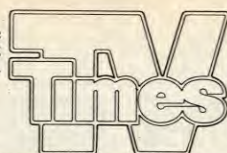
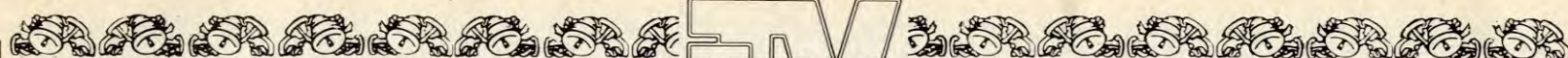
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From the left: Leslie Sands in 'Three Days in Szczecin'; Sudanese tribesmen in 'Disappearing World'; and the children of the first 'Seven Up'.

Always where it was happening

Parliamentary elections used to go uncovered on television because of fears that electoral law might be infringed. But in 1958, when there was a by-election in Rochdale, Granada interviewed the candidates and opened the way for today's election coverage.

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Disappearing World, an occasional series since 1970, has reported on primitive societies threatened with extinction, while *Seven Up*, in 1964, in which seven-year-olds were interviewed, began a series in which Granada has returned to the same youngsters at seven-yearly intervals.

1 The country's oldest current affairs series is one in which journalists review the press; it began on ITV in 1956 and now runs on Channel Four. What is its title?

2 Frank Finlay narrated a six-part series in 1983 in which eye-witnesses described bloody combat in the Thirties. What was it called?

3 Cinema was a long-running series about the movies, presented at the end of the Sixties by a man who later became a chat show host and is now

a presenter of ITV game shows. Who is he?

4 A Granada team was based at London Zoo to make natural history programmes, including the children's series *Zoo Time*, which ran to more than 330 programmes from 1956. Who presented it?
a David Attenborough
b Desmond Morris
c Michaela Denis

5 What was the title of the 14-part series in 1985 which told how Commonwealth and other countries reached independence from British rule?

ANSWERS

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1 *Time for Murder*. 2 Mark McManus. 3 William Mervyn. 4 Dr Judith Vincent. 5 John Thaw.

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At the end of each year I enjoy looking and thinking back on your letters. Human nature does not change, and there's always a large post from the shy, the lonely, the jealous, the confused; some ask, 'How can I get him/her to fall in love with me?', as readers have asked since I started *Dear Katie* in 1970. What is also interesting is to see which new topics maddened, pleased or alarmed you. So, as this is a special issue, I have chosen seven of the most typical letters from the past 12 months — and, of course, I wish you a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Trial and error

If more people understood the agony some teenage girls go through, I think they would be sympathetic towards juvenile contraception. I only wish that I had thought more carefully before having intercourse when I was 15. I became pregnant and had to have an abortion.

Janice
West London

This letter from a teenager speaks for itself. It also made me feel I had taken the right decision when I came down on the side of juvenile contraception. I was torn in two, as my instinct was to back Victoria Gillick, who felt so strongly that girls under 16 should 'get their parents' permission before being given contraceptive advice. But my postbag told me I had to support those girls who have no one to turn to and need practical help.

Well treated?

I am interested by the thought of homoeopathic medicine for myself and my pets. Roger Fulwell
Godalming, Surrey
I have had many more enquiries about homoeopathy and I suggest a booklet, 'Homoeopathy for the Family', an introductory guide published by the Homoeopathic Development Foundation, which goes hand in hand with vet George MacLeod's 'Homoeopathy for Pets'. Each cost 50p and are available from A Nelson, 5 Endeavour Way, London SW19 9UH. Please enclose a large sae.

Fit to eat

My family has become very health conscious, and we wish to become vegetarians.

Mrs Nancy Knowles
Broadstairs, Kent

I have found more interest in nutrition in 1985 than ever before. Readers are studying labels, buying wholefoods, and asking about the effect of additives. Evelyn Findlater's 'Natural Foods Primer' (£3.99) is a lively introduction to healthy eating, and 'E for

Additives' by Maurice Hanssen (£2.95), is a most comprehensive guide. Both are published by Thorsons Publishing Group Ltd, Denington Estate, Wellingborough, Northants NN8 2RQ. Add 55p postage for each book.

Forewarned family

I am in a dilemma as to how to warn my children, without frightening them, about the danger of talking to strangers. Alison Bolt
Bristol

This letter deals with one of the most horrifying topics of the year. I have found no better book than 'Preventing Child Sexual Assault', by Michele Elliott. It costs £2.50

through bookshops, or £2.80 by post from Harper and Row Distribution Ltd, Estover Road, Plymouth, Devon PL6 7PZ. This year has also seen the acknowledgement of the extent of child abuse in this country. I am glad to reprint the address of the Incest Survivors Campaign, Hungerford House, Victoria Embankment, London WC2N 6NN, which offers support to anyone who has suffered in this way. If you write, please enclose a sae, or, alternatively ring 01-671 9033.

Single weakness

I am not sure if you deal with men's problems, but I am a normal heterosexual 26-year-old who has never had a girlfriend. I get tongue-tied and clumsy when I'm alone with a woman. Paul Dee
Plymouth, Devon
More men have written to me

this year than ever before, and acute shyness is just as painful for Paul as it is for Pauline, Mr Dee. I am convinced that you can help yourself to overcome certain social anxieties once you understand the reasons for your embarrassment. The best book to release the confidence catch is 'Meeting People is Fun, How to Overcome Shyness' by Dr Phyllis Shaw, published by Sheldon Press at £2.50. Another book for all those wanting to take a new look at themselves is 'Making the Most of Yourself' by Gill Cox and Sheila Dainow. It costs £3.95 from the same publisher. For mail order send an extra 75p p&p for each book to Sheldon Press, SPCK House, Marylebone Road, London NW1 4DU.

Its own reward

I work as a ward assistant in a hospital, and I feel there are not enough people to care for and listen to the patients, many of whom are lonely and a bit depressed. Extra staff like me are also needed, and though the job is not well paid, it is worthwhile. But I wish more people would volunteer just to come and talk to the patients. It must be more interesting than doing nothing if you are jobless.

T Phillips
Oxford

So many people have written this year telling me of the satisfaction they have found in voluntary work with the sick, elderly or handicapped. Most hospitals have a League of Friends, or you could find the address of Age Concern in your phone book. Your library or Citizens' Advice Bureau may also have local addresses for volunteer work.

Memory store

By the time you receive this letter I shall be 93. Recently I got out my family photos to show a visiting relation from the US. Imagine my dismay to find many of them had no names or dates and there were a lot I didn't recognise. I'd like to remind people to label pictures as I fear one's memory fails after a time.

EM
Wiltshire

It was Age Concern month in the autumn, and every year I receive hundreds of letters from the elderly. This one shows that my pen-pals are as bright-eyed and bushy-tailed at 90 as they are at nine! I appreciate each and every one of you and thank you for the part you play in making our page so lively.

There's usually £10 for the Letter of The Week. Katie regrets that she is unable to enter into individual correspondence.

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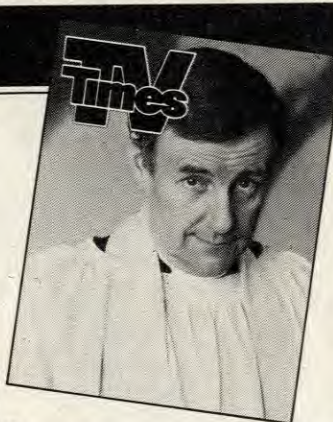
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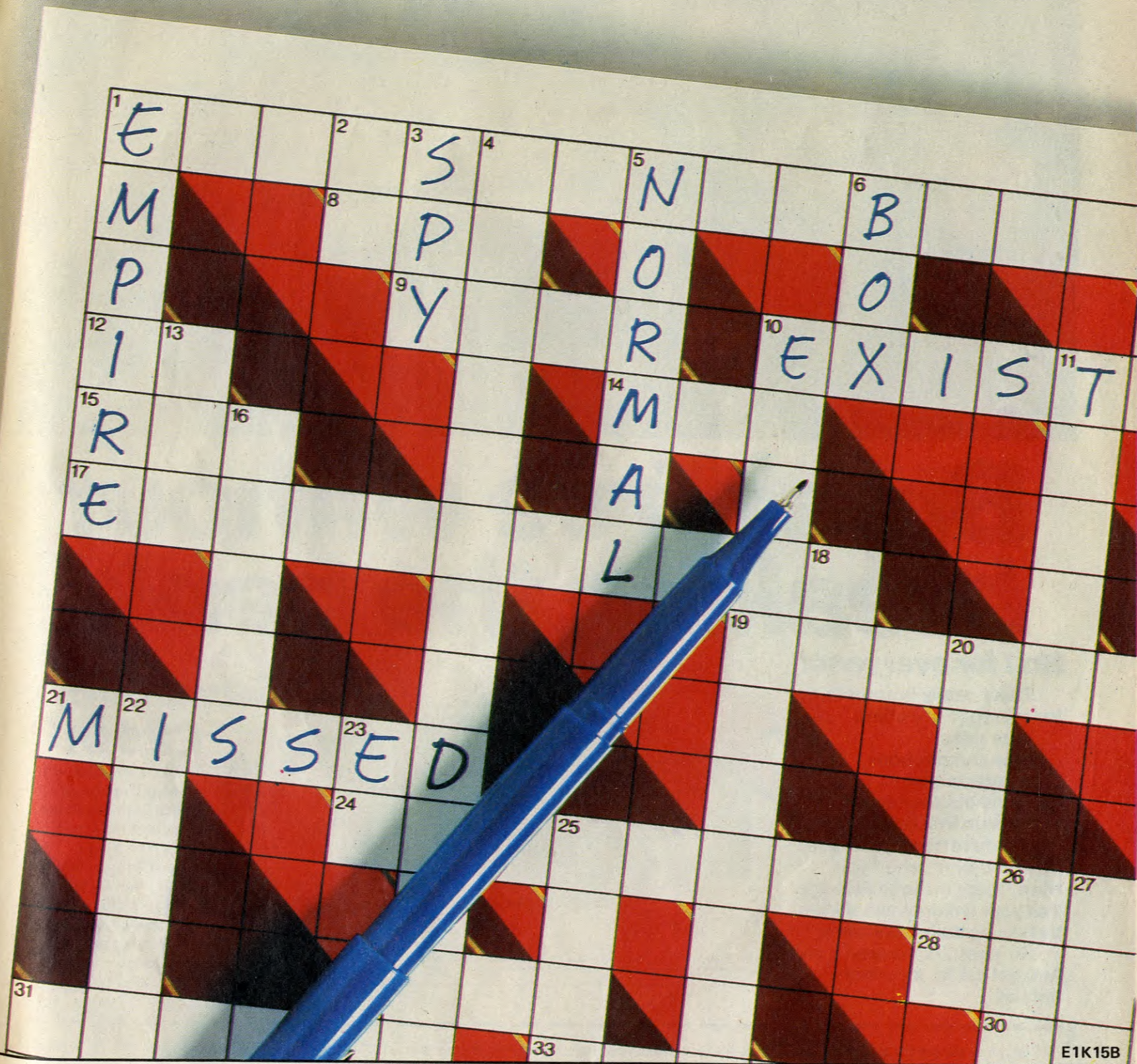


Plus 'Duty Free' star Gwen Taylor's Spanish holiday, in a specially written report by Gwen (pictured left) herself... and how that other holiday lady, Judith Chalmers, finds relaxation with her plants.

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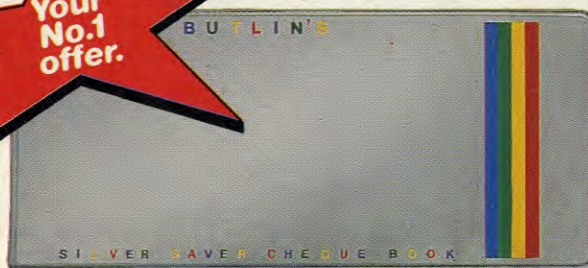
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